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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial issued yesterday another amendment to his executive order to exempt over a hundred more officials and employees from the partial government shutdown that began on Oct. 1 as a result of a lack of a balanced budget passed by Sept. 30.

As of yesterday, there's no telling when the Legislature will be able to pass a budget that the governor will sign.

This means over 1,000 government employees will still be unable to report to work.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, in an interview, said the employees in these newly exempted positions will begin reporting to work today.

The others are designated as "on call."

Demapan, at the same time, said

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A sign in front of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe yesterday says it all. The library is closed because of the government shutdown that began on Oct .1 . Over 1,000 government employees will remain unable to report to work until the Legislature passes a budget bill and signed into law by the governor.

House draws flak for not acting on budget bill despite days of shutdown

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House Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan) has yet to call for a House session to act on the new Senate-amended budget bill as of yesterday, drawing criticism from fellow lawmakers, government employees and concerned citizens that there seems to be no sense of urgency to bring back over 1,000 government employees to work.

The CNMI government has been partially shut down since Oct. 1 for a lack of a balanced budget passed and signed into law by the Sept. 30 deadline.

At 7:30pm yesterday, Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos met with House and Senate leaders to try and break the impasse on the $132-million appropriations measure.

Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) said yesterday that the House leadership is "working hard" on a budget that is balanced—one that reflects a 16-hour work cut and 13 unpaid holidays.

But he said he could not say yet

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Chamber: Don't increase taxes, fees without a plan to cut gov't spending

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The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the largest business group in the CNMI with some 150 members, says there should be no increases in business license fees and taxes without accompanying plans to cut government jobs and spending.

In a Sept. 30 letter to the Legislature, the Chamber said imposing tax and fee increases without such plans to cut government employment numbers "is to ask businesses and individual taxpayers to dig deeper into their pockets to allow government to continue employing and spending as usual."

Chamber executive director Kyle Calabrese, in a two-page letter, said the Chamber commits to working collaboratively with the government to determine the types and levels of tax and/or fee increases required to generate additional revenues in a manner designed to inflict the least amount of harm on the individuals, businesses, and the local economy.

"We expect that any such effort will

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Intoxicated pedestrian killed in car crash

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An intoxicated man died last night after a vehicle struck him when he crossed the road in front of the Mom's Round Two Bar in Garapan Saturday night.

The victim, a 26-year-old Korean national, suffered a fractured skull and abrasions to his upper body and lower leg area. He was admitted in the hospital for further treatment.

The driver, a 19-year-old Chuukese, was not injured.

Department of Public Safety spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. said yesterday that Traffic Investigator Norris Kwon has ruled out speed and alcohol on the part of the driver.

Blas said the pedestrian had a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .213.

The legal BAC limit in the CNMI is .08.

"The case is still under investigation to determine the cause of the crash," Blas said.

Blas said that on Saturday at 9:50pm,

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3 election commission staff exempted from shutdown

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial exempted yesterday three employees of the Commonwealth Election Commission in recognition of the important task they will perform in polls next month.

Executive director Robert A. Guerrero, along with administrative officer Julita Villagomez and election registration clerk Kayla Igitol, are ordered to report for work starting today to process off-island absentee requests.

The commission has seven personnel including its executive director.

Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that he will continue to ask the administration to include the four other employees in the exemption list so that they can prepare for the Nov. 2 election.

He admitted that since Thursday last week, he received over 20 emails from off-island voters asking about their absentee ballot requests.

As of last week, the commission recorded 532 absentee ballots sent to voters including the 50 forms it sent Thursday.

The figure excludes requests that were already mailed at the post office and have not been processed by the agency.

As soon as he received the updated list of essential employees, Guerrero notified Villagomez and Igitol to report for work.

They are expected to address the pending absentee requests today to meet the deadline this week.

Based on the election timeline, the commission has only until Friday, Oct. 8, to receive request for absentee forms. Guerrero admitted that the shutdown has hampered its efforts to do the preparation, most especially the processing for absentee ballots.

Last week, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial enacted into law legislation that approved the 30-day early voting for Northern Islands.

Guerrero said that the commission's work has been affected by the shutdown.

"Yes, we can now move forward and work for the absentee requests… [because of the exemption], but we have to remember that early voting for the three islands (Saipan, Tinian, and Rota) would soon commence also," said Guerrero.

Early voting for the rest of the CNMI is set on Oct. 22 through Nov. 1. An election poll worker has to be sent to each island to officially conduct the early voting.

A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority

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Security personnel also perform a number of additional services while on duty. These include receiving and logging in found items, including cameras, wallets, and other valuables. Many times the rightful owners of these items can be tracked and the items returned. Security personnel also report on site maintenance, including overgrown vegetation, inoperable restrooms or deteriorating safe rails. This information can then be relayed by the MVA the appropriate government agency to be addressed.

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Car owners surprised by BMV closure

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The closure of the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicles on Friday and yesterday, not only surprised car owners and dealers but also caused a decrease in government revenue.

Several car owners and auto shop representatives went to the Judiciary's cashier to pay car registrations, but only to be told by court marshals at the entrance of the Guma Hustisia Building in Susupe that the cashier does not accept such payments.

Some customers also arrived to pay driver's license and other fees, but the court marshals explained that the cashier does not also accept such payments.

The marshals said the cashier would only accept payments for court-related fees such as cash bail, fines, court fee, probation fee, restitution, child support, police clearance, and recording of documents.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

The DPS Bureau of Motor Vehicles in Susupe has been closed since. BMV is expected to resume operations today, Tuesday, after Gov. Benigno R. Fitial amended his executive order and exempted the bureau from the shutdown.

Evelyn Calvo, the accountant for the court, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they accepted payments that deal only with courts.

Calvo, who also served as cashier, said they would start accepting payments until such time they receive information that government agencies such as BMV is open again.

She said not accepting the payments is fair to customers because they don't get the services.

"A lot of customers were coming over," said Calvo, adding that the court's collection remained, but the government's revenue decreased due to the closure.

Leo Bobai, a staff at the Triple J, was among the customers who was supposed to pay car registration for a customer yesterday.

"It's (shutdown) affecting businesses. Customers don't want to drive cars with dealers' registration," Bobai said.

Danilo Rejano came with $50 to pay for a customer's car registration, but was surprised when a marshal told him the cashier would not accept payment.

"This is money! The government does not have money yet it does not want to accept money!" said Rejano, smiling.

Saipan Tribune spotted a car owner who arrived at BMV yesterday morning.

"Closed? Why? My car registration is already expired. If I drive my car I hope the police will not pull me over or give me citation because it's the government's fault," the driver said.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial yesterday, however, amended again his executive order to include, among others, the BMV chief, driver's license technician, and vehicle registration technician on the list of essential services that are exempt from the government shutdown that began Friday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy birthday to Remedio D. Diaz who is celebrating his special day today.

Federal court refuses to consider motion to prevent shutdown of Fund

» Judge says plaintiffs should seek lifting the stay order first

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The federal court yesterday ruled that it would not consider attorney Bruce Jorgensen's emergency motion to prevent Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, the CNMI government, and the NMI Retirement Fund, from shutting down Fund operations and services, due to a previous order that stayed the case.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood said should plaintiffs wish the court to consider their motion further, they shall apply to this court for an order lifting the stay for purposes of considering the substantive aspects of the motion by Monday 3pm, Oct. 11 2010.

Tydingco-Gatewood said defendants Fitial and the Fund shall file any opposition to plaintiffs' application by Monday 3pm, Oct. 18, 2010.

The judge said plaintiffs shall file any reply in support of their application by Monday 3pm, Oct. 25, 2010.

"Thereafter, the court shall set this matter for a hearing, if needed," Tydingco-Gatewood said.

She said the motion seeks a temporary restraining order, a preliminary injunction, substitution of parties, and certification as a class action.

But Tydingco-Gatewood pointed out that this case has been stayed in all substantive respects.

The judge cited the previous order that states: "The stay previously entered by this court on the present action [is] in effect until further order of this court, although the court will consider administrative matters, such as substitution of counsel or parties."

Tydingco-Gatewood said at this point, then, the court grants the motion so far as it concerns substitution of parties, but does not consider it in any other respect.

Jorgensen filed the motion on behalf of his clients—two unnamed retired CNMI government employees—who sued Fitial and the Fund over alleged non-payment of their retirement benefits.

In their emergency motion, Jorgensen asked the court to provide plaintiffs and all Fund retirees and beneficiaries uninterrupted and unrestrained Fund services with fully staffed facility during normal working hours.

He requested the court to restrain Fitial, the government and the Fund from diminishing the financial value, and or coverage benefits/scope of any Fund-related benefits to which plaintiffs and beneficiaries were entitled as of Sept. 29, 2010.

Jorgensen also moved the court to allow the withdrawal of the two unnamed persons as plaintiffs in the case and substitute former representative Christina E. Sablan, David L. Price, and Carmela Sablan as new plaintiffs.

The Fitial administration initially listed Fund as among the agencies not considered essential in the directive to shut down the government after the House of Representatives failed to pass a budget on time.

But on Saturday, Fitial amended his executive order to include the Fund on the list of essential services that are exempt from the shutdown that began Oct. 1.

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DPW wants two divisions exempted

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Department of Public Works secretary Martin C. Sablan expressed the importance of including two of their divisions to the essential services exempted from the government shutdown.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial issued on Sept. 27 an initial memorandum listing all essential service employee positions that will be exempt from a government shutdown starting Oct. 1.

The memorandum only identified some employees of the Solid Waste Management and the Technical Services Divisions as essential services under the agency.

The governor issued Executive Order 2010-13 which identified the DPW secretary, executive secretary, and the Building Safety Code and Roads and Grounds Divisions as additional exempt services from the shutdown.

Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* that the Building Safety Code Division should be exempted to comply with local laws and enable their staff to conduct building inspections.

"It's also a revenue-generating division, so it can also help," said Sablan.

Sablan said the Roads and Grounds Division is also essential because they are in charge of safeguarding the island's road conditions and in addressing issues including drainage problems and fallen trees.

The secretary said that although he is aware of the current situation of the government, due consideration must be given to activities that need to be continued even with the shutdown.

"We still try to work within our means. We follow whatever divisions the governor identified as essential," said Sablan.

Retirees call Senate, House members to quit posts

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Members of the Commonwealth Retirees Association called on all members of the 17th Legislature to quit their posts, saying that all of them failed in their responsibility to fulfill the people's mandate.

In a letter signed by association chair Juan M. Sablan and addressed to Senate President Paul A. Manglona and Speaker Froilan C. Tenorio, the group said the legislature's failure to pass a balanced budget for the fiscal year is clear indication that lawmakers did not take their constitutional responsibilities seriously and failed to represent the voters who put them in office.

"You and the rest of the members should tender your resignations immediately and let others take over your job as legislators. In the meantime, the retirees could volunteer to have a balance budget," Sablan told the leaders of both chambers.

The decision to ask for the lawmakers' resignations was reached during the group's assembly last week.

He said lawmakers knew well in advance about the new constitutional requirement for the passage of balanced budget to prevent a government shutdown. However, they waited until the last minute to address the fiscal year 2011 appropriations measure.

"This means that your office is very inefficient in addressing this very important constitutional mandate," he added.

Sablan also raised the issue of the need to have a part-time legislature or the reduction of the current members of lawmakers.

"It is timely to also address the number of members of the legislature and weather or not we need a full-time legislature. By reducing the number [of lawmakers] or having a part-time legislature we would definitely save millions of dollars. The money from this savings could be used for essential public services," he added.

The NMI Retirement Fund was originally not included in the list of essential services that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial exempted from the shutdown. Fitial, however, signed an amended Saturday exempting selected employees from the shutdown so they could process the benefits of retirees.

INTOXICATED

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DPS dispatched traffic officers and investigators to the Mom's Round Two Bar area after receiving a report about an auto-pedestrian crash.

At-scene investigation conducted by Traffic Officer Maverick Saures showed that a red 2001 Toyota Highlander five-door wagon driven by the Chuukese was traveling east on the east bound lane and approaching the Mom's Round Two Bar location.

The pedestrian crossed the roadway south from the direction of Mom's Round Two and was struck by the vehicle on the east bound lane.

Blas said the pedestrian was immediately taken to the Commonwealth Health Center for a fractured skull and bleeding in the brain (traumatic brain injuries).

Blas said a traffic investigator processed the crash scene and impounded the vehicle for further investigation.

He said the vehicle had minor damage to its center front bumper and hood area.

Alexandra In Young Lee, 25, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the victim was her brother, Insung "Joe" Lee.

Alexandra said her brother was admitted to the intensive care unit Saturday night and that his condition did not improve.

She later disclosed that her brother passed way at about 6pm last night.

She said the family earlier was waiting for the arrival of their sister from China before they were supposed to decide whether to unplug the life support from their brother.

Alexandra said as of yesterday they were clueless on what really happened.

"I tried to get some information from the police since yesterday (Sunday), but nobody can give me any update or concrete answer. Our family is appealing to the authorities for the immediate solution of this case," she added. ***(With reports from Moneth Deposa)***

HOUSE

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whether he will be introducing a new budget bill or the House leadership would entertain his current House Bill 17-121 which the Senate amended to again reflect an eight-hour cut per pay period and 10 unpaid holidays.

"We are working hard. People cannot say there's no sense of urgency by the House leadership. We are aware of the shutdown and at the same time we want a balanced budget to be passed," Basa told *Saipan Tribune*.

Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota) said yesterday "if it means we can get the government back on its feet again, the Senate can reconsider the House's requested leadership account but we would like to have only an eight-hour cut per pay period."

Manglona said any agreement between the Senate and the House should also include passage of revenue-generating bills that take into consideration the concerns of the business community.

Senators and mostly House minority members said a 16-hour cut and 13 unpaid holidays would reduce the salary of government employees by 26-percent, which is too drastic especially for those earning less than $13,000 a year.

Other lawmakers said the House speaker, as of yesterday, would be willing to agree to less than 16 hours cut per pay period but that other members of the House leadership are still adamant to the idea. The speaker has not returned calls for comment.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, for his part, has the option to call for an emergency session of the Legislature to pass a balanced budget.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said while this has always been an option for the governor, it would not make sense to go into an emergency session if the House and Senate continue to disagree on work hour cuts, among other things.

"The governor submitted a balanced budget of $132 million, and that includes 16 hours of work cuts and 13 unpaid holidays," he said.

Demapan said if the Senate identifies where to further cut to make up for the $9 million difference between the House and Senate proposal on the work hour cuts, its proposal may be considered.

On Sunday, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos met with Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) and Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan) on the Fiscal Year 2011 budget.

After the meeting, the Senate stood by its decision to cut work hours only by eight per pay period plus 10 unpaid holidays.

It also insists that a joint committee of the House and Senate review the impact of the eight-hour cut after 90 days of the effective date of the budget, and recommend any change to the hours if necessary.

The House majority members met again yesterday but they have not set the next session.

Manglona, for his part, said the Senate has always been on standby to act immediately on any bill that the House passes.

"It's hard to believe that on our fourth day of government shutdown, the House continues to have a business as usual attitude. The Senate will continue to be on a standby mode," he said.

Hofschneider said any notion that the current budget impasse between the House and Senate is because of the Rota and Tinian appropriations is "wrong."

"I want to clarify the misconception about the Rota and Tinian delegations. We are not greedy as what some people are saying. If you look at the latest versions of the budget bill, the Rota and Tinian appropriations are the same as the House's version," he said.

Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), in an open letter to his fellow lawmakers, said it seems that the House leadership cannot think on its own and always needs to seek the governor's advice.

"During this process when the governor sees that it (Senate version) is not to his liking, instruction are then made to the House leadership to scrap and introduce new budget legislation and of course this is heeded by the leadership of the House. Not trying to sound sarcastic but it is clear to all that tails of this leadership are being held. It is clear that members of the house leadership cannot act, think, and make decisions on their own without fear of reprisal from the governor who they are aligned with," he said.

Dela Cruz said some in the leadership have somewhat begun to think for themselves on certain issues and for that, he applauds them.

CHAMBER

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include a plan to begin a rational reduction in government personnel costs and headcount," Calabrese told House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) and Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota),

Since Oct. 1, the government has been shut down because of the failure to pass a budget bill last Sept. 30.

The 17th House and the Senate have passed revenue-generating bills, including increasing business license fees and taxes, but none has been approved by both houses so that the governor can enact them into law.

Calabrese's letter represents the Chamber's comment on Rep. Ray Basa's House Bill 17-53, which the Senate amended.

HB 17-53, Senate Substitute 1 turned Basa's bill into a revenue-generating bill, incorporating business license fee increases, imposing a new license fee for non-bank automated teller machines, increase in so-called "sin" taxes such as those imposed on cigarettes and alcoholic drinks, creating a new "sweet" tax, tax on cellular phones, increase in bar tax, reduction in tax rebate amount, imposition of a customs, and a new agricultural and quarantine inspection service surcharge fee.

The Chamber said any bill that would increase taxes and fees must include public hearings by both the House and Senate committees, and must include the participation of relevant department heads, such as from the Department of Finance or the Division of Revenue and Taxation.

"The currently proposed tax and fee increases would not only impact businesses; they would impact every man, woman, and child in the Commonwealth," Calabrese added.

Some lawmakers, keen on passing a budget, asked for the business community's understanding.

But the Chamber said it is not constructive for elected officials to state that the business community should be more understanding or more reasonable with regard to proposed tax and fee increases.

It said the private sector has made proactive and painful cuts in spending unlike the government.

"Virtually all businesses have reduced benefits, reduced hours, reduced headcount, and reduced operational costs," the Chamber said.

The group urged the Legislature to pass an appropriations bill that reflects a balanced budget based on the revenue projections that the governor submitted, and to then address tax and fee increases in a deliberate and thoughtful manner.

OVER 100

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there's no telling yet as of yesterday whether the government will be able to release paychecks during the Oct. 8 payday.

This payroll covers two weeks prior to the shutdown.

"I'm hoping that at least we could have a paycheck on Friday, even though we have a shutdown," one of the employees at the Legislature said yesterday.

Most of the newly exempted positions are those at the Department of Community Cultural Affairs, Department of Finance, Department of Public Health on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, Department of Public Works, and the Marianas Visitors Authority.

The others are from the Capital Improvements Project office, Commonwealth Election Commission, Criminal Justice Planning Agency, Department of Commerce, Department of Lands and Natural Resources, Department of Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Governor, Office of Homeland Security, Office of Management and Budget, Office of Public Auditor, Office of Personnel Management, and the Public Defender's Office.

Some of these agencies have federally funded positions that are now exempt from the shutdown.

Other agencies are included only because their heads are also exempted, including the chief of the Board of Parole, director of the Emergency Management Office, the assistant veterans affairs officer, and the executive director of the Workforce Investment Agency.

"This amendment is necessary and takes effect Oct. 5, 2010 in light of the continuing shutdown to ensure that essential services related to health, safety, and welfare of the people of the CNMI remain functioning," Fitial said in his Executive Order 2010-13.

The original executive order declares a state of emergency in the CNMI due to the lack of a balanced budget in effect on Oct. 1, the start of Fiscal Year 2011.

On Saturday, the governor amended his executive order to exempt at least 11 personnel from six NMI Retirement Fund units. Yesterday marked the second time that the governor amended his Sept. 30 executive order.

New law allows divorce on grounds of 'irreconcilable differences'

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A new law that came into effect on Sunday now allows mere "irreconcilable differences" or mutual consent as grounds for divorce in the CNMI.

Currently, the Commonwealth Code requires one spouse to be at "fault" by prohibiting dissolution of marriage unless one spouse has committed one specifically enumerated act.

"This tends to prohibit divorce if both spouses are at fault or if neither spouse has committed 'fault' but both spouses desire a divorce by mutual consent," says the new law.

It says that "irreconcilable differences" pled by one spouse "should be sufficient for the granting of a divorce or dissolution of marriage."

Irreconcilable differences are persistent and irresolvable disagreements between spouses that result in the breakdown of the marriage.

The new law says irreconcilable differences may be cited generally without citation of specific differences, as grounds for dissolution of the marriage.

House floor leader George Camacho's (Ind-Saipan) House Bill 17-69, House Draft 1 became Public Law 17-20 on Sunday without the governor's signature because the time had lapsed for him to act on it.

The Legislature transmitted the bill to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial on Aug. 25, 2010.

Vicky T. Guerrero, the governor's special assistant for programs and legislative review, officially informed the presiding officers of the Legislature about the new law yesterday.

Camacho, when asked for comment yesterday, said he is not advocating or promoting divorce in any way.

"It's just that if a couple chooses to divorce, they should be allowed. But it has to be both parties," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Camacho said the bill could also serve as a revenue-generating measure.

"It allows for outsiders to come here and file for divorce. Like in Las Vegas…It is not the saving grace bill. It's not going to save our economy. But it will help. And that's fresh money from outside, not by increasing taxes," he added.

Residency requirements

Public Law 17-20 has residency requirements for a divorce or dissolution of marriage.

It may be granted if one of the parties has been a resident of the CNMI for at least 90 days immediately preceding the filing of a complaint for divorce.

Under this measure, a person is deemed a resident if that person has been assigned with the U.S. military to a unit in the CNMI or a ship homeported in the CNMI for at least 90 days immediately preceding the filing of a complaint for divorce, or if that person is physically present in the CNMI for at least 90 days immediately preceding the filing of a complaint for divorce.

In actions for dissolution of marriage, neither the domicile nor residence of the husband shall be deemed to be the domicile or residence of the wife.

If both parties consent in writing to a divorce or dissolution of their marriage, a divorce or dissolution may be granted if one of the parties has resided in the Commonwealth for at least days immediately preceding the filing of the complaint.

All consents to a divorce or dissolution of marriage must be acknowledged or verified before a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths within the United States if signed in the U.S., a consular officer of the U.S., or other U.S. official authorized to take oaths if signed outside the U.S., or have a notarized acknowledgement or verification by a foreign notary which is authenticated by a U.S. consular officer, the law says.

CDA stakeholders meeting to be streamed live on Tinian, Rota

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The stakeholders meeting to be hosted by the Commonwealth Development Authority on Oct. 15 will be streamed live via video teleconference to the islands of Rota and Tinian.

The stakeholders meeting, which will be held at the American Memorial Park Theatre Hall, is intended for the beneficiaries of programs administered by the autonomous public agency.

Loan manager Oscar C. Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* that the stakeholders meeting will be streamed to the Northern Marianas College campuses on Rota and Tinian.

"We're going to do the [video teleconference] so that our people from Rota and Tinian can participate in this important meeting," said Camacho.

According to Camacho, they are still in the process of finalizing the program for the meeting which will consist of presentations about loan programs from their agency representatives.

Camacho said they will present about the Qualifying Certificate program which grants rebates and/or abatements of up to 100-percent for up to 25 years to qualified investors.

The loan manager said some of their clients who have availed of their programs have already confirmed as presenters for the stakeholders meeting.

Camacho said there will be presentations from loan borrowers, auction winning bidders, debt relief program participants, grant recipients, and those who have entered into a ground lease agreement with options to purchase.

He said the stakeholders meeting will also accommodate their partners in economic programs like the Department of Commerce and the CNMI Small Business Development Center.

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at 6:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan.

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
5. Communications
6. Public Comments

B. Reports
1. Chairperson
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Administrator
5. Committees
6. Legal Counsel

C. Public Hearing
1. A request for a Conditional Use Permit to operate "Kee Tourist Convenience Cool Spot" as a restaurant. This business would be located in a WWII Quonset building on lot# 028 A 01 in the Village of Marpi. This is just south of a Buddhist Temple and within 2500' of Wing Beach Place. The property is currently zoned as "Rural". Requested by Ta Bun Kuy.
2. A request for a Conditional Use Permit to build institutionalized housing (for employees) on lot# 1937 New-1. This property is at the intersection of Beach Road and Quartermaster Road. This is the site of the Sasha Building and the "Speedy Tertle" Dive Shop. The property is zoned as "Beach Road". Requested by Alexander Vekhov.
3. A request for a Variance to allow the construction of more parking for TSL Plaza. This property is located at Garapan Beach Road and Kadena Di Amor Street. The applicants would construct two new parking aisles on the east and west sides of Bouganvilla Avenue. The applicants will pave this section of Bouganvilla Avenue and use it as their driveway. This site is zoned as "Tourist Resort". Requested by Ivan Quichocho.

D. Old Business
1. Update on Zoning Office Operations (Permit Processing, Enforcement, Junk Car Program)

E. New Business
1. None

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact Douglas Wyatt, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Herminia M. Fusco, Chairperson, Zoning Board

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TO RESOLVE AUDIT FINDINGS

BOE approves emergency travel regulations

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REPORTER

The Board of Education approved an emergency regulation that addressed the travel concerns in its audit reports the past several years.

The emergency travel regulation, concurred by Attorney General Edward Buckingham, was posted at the Commonwealth Register on Sept. 22 and became effective upon delivery to the Office of the Governor.

The purpose of the emergency regulation is to provide procedural guidelines for official travel by employees of thePublic School System.

"The BOE finds that the public interest requires adoption of these regulations on emergency basis because this amendment to the travel regulations will serve to eliminate audit findings of the external auditor for fiscal years 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009," the regulation stated. It added that in order to reflect in upcoming audits that PSS is striving for compliance, the regulation must be in effect by the start of fiscal year 2011.

In addition, the regulation will serve to eliminate excessive paperwork for inter-island travel and accountability for travel expenditures is maintained in the implementation of the regulation.

The BOE also pointed out that because of the frequency with which PSS personnel need to travel to all schools, it is imperative that current regulations be repealed and replaced to account for and streamline the process of commuting to schools within the CNMI.

Based on the existing regulation, the board requires all paperwork to be filed within PSS prior to the travel period in a specific time. This resulted in employees failing to turn in all documents on time and noncompliance with the regulation.

Among the provisions of the amended regulations include accounting and reporting for travel outside the CNMI which would only be performed in the interest of the PSS and BOE and shall be authorized with an approved travel authorization. However, situations requiring emergency official travel shall be permitted upon approval of a written justification.

For travel advances, this should be considered as a loan to the traveler until proper reconciliation of approved travel expenses has been authorized and no outstanding amount is due to either the traveler or the PSS.

For the travels within the CNMI, all inter-island commuters require a scope of work and estimated schedule.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Bank of Hawaii Pacific Islands Division senior vice president and deputy division manager John Sheather presents a giant $70,000 facsimile check to members of the CNMI Salvation Army led by ministry leader Wayne Gillespie during a brief ceremony yesterday at the Garapan Branch.

Salvation Army to build homeless drop-in center from BoH donation

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Thanks to a generous donation from Bank of Hawaii, the CNMI Salvation Army will now be able to build the Commonwealth's first homeless drop-in center.

John Sheather, senior vice president and deputy division manager for Bank of Hawaii's Pacific Islands Division, handed a $70,000 check to members of the CNMI Salvation Army in a brief ceremony yesterday at the bank's Garapan Branch.

Although they have been a longtime supporter of the Salvation Army, Sheather said this is the first time that the bank will make a donation to the CNMI chapter of the evangelical organization.

"We see that the work they do for the people is very important. They serve low-income families directly and on a regular basis," he said.

Sheather said yesterday's donation is a good start to reinforce the relationship of Bank of Hawaii with the CNMI Salvation Army and continue supporting their programs.

Ministry leader Wayne Gillespie said they were impressed to receive that amount of donation from Bank of Hawaii.

"We can't believe that they're this generous. There aren't enough words to express how grateful we are," Gillespie told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Gillespie, the charitable donation will finance the establishment of the one-of-a-kind homeless drop-in center on the island.

"Our primary outreach program is for the homeless," he said.

Gillespie said the center is not a homeless shelter but will serve as a place where their homeless clients can come and access hot meals, get a shower or do laundry.

While the number of homeless people on Saipan is only a handful, Gillespie said they see the importance of reaching out to them and providing them assistance.

Gillespie said that in addition to their homeless program, the CNMI Salvation Army also has other outreach programs, including providing assistance to the youth, sick, elderly, and people with disabilities who are ineligible for other forms of assistance.

The ministry leader said the group relies on donations from companies, organizations, and other members of the community to support their outreach programs.

"We are looking to further local support for our activities," said Gillespie.

For information on how to help CNMI Salvation Army, call Wayne Gillespie at 483-0885.

2010 Saipan Radar Run
Saturday, October 9, 2010
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Registration: 6am
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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for
Kee Tourist Convenience Cool Spot (Full House Inc.)

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this Conditional Use application. Mr. Ta Bun Kuy would like to operate a restaurant on a property zoned as "Rural." This business would be located in a WWII Quonset building on lot# 028 A 01 in Marpi. This is just south of a Buddhist Temple and within 2500' of Wing Beach Place.

Date: October 12, 2010 (Tuesday)
Time: 6:00 pm
Place: Zoning Office, 2nd Floor,
Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan.

Above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the projects may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30 pm, October 12, 2010. Written comments may be submitted via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

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/s/ Herminia M. Fusco, Board Chair

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for
Sasha Building Employee Housing

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this Conditional Use application. Mr. Alexander Vekhov is requesting to build institutionalized housing (for employees) on lot# 1937 New-1. This property is at the intersection of Beach Road and Quartermaster Road. This is the site of the Sasha Building and the "Speedy Tertle" Dive Shop. The property is zoned as "Beach Road".

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/s/ Herminia M. Fusco, Board Chair

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for TSL Plaza parking stalls

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this Variance Application. Mr. Ivan Quichocho is requesting to construct additional parking stalls for the TSL building. This property is located at Garapan Beach Road and Kadena Di Amor Street. The applicants would construct two new parking aisles on the east and west sides of Bouganvilla Avenue. The applicant will also pave this section of Bouganvilla Avenue and use it as their driveway. This site is zoned as "Tourist Resort".

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/s/ Herminia M. Fusco, Board Chair

Educational grant program for Rota youths established

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REPORTER

The Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation board established an educational grant program to assist Rota students who want to pursue post-secondary education training in the CNMI or off-island.

In the proposed regulation posted at the Commonwealth Register, eligibility requirements for the program were set. The board is allowing applications from undergraduate students, graduate students, continuing students, and part-time students.

Under the law that created the Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation in 2002, it authorized the board to receive money, loans, donations, appropriations, and contributions from the Marianas Public Land Trust and from all other sources public or private for purposes of scholarship grants, educational loans, and operational needs of the board.

The foundation, with the establishment of the educational grant program, was created because of the need for an educated workforce on Rota with the understanding that all recipients of the foundation assistance will return to work on Rota or provide services upon completion.

Under the proposed regulation, only people who live on Rota are eligible to receive assistance. Though it wants to assist post-secondary schooling, it prohibits programs of study that leads to a degree in theology, divinity, or religious studies. To qualify, applicants must demonstrate financial need and take into account other financial resources from the applicant.

For new applicants and considered undergraduate students, the foundation board requires the submission of the transcript and filled application form.

For continuing students, a renewal of their application form is required along with the report that they maintained satisfactory academic grades.

For part-time and certificate program students, a document relating to the description of the training and certification is required by the board.

Undergraduate full-time and undergraduate part-time students as well as professional full-time students are all eligible to receive the grant. Undergraduate full-time are those who achieved 12 credit units; 1-11 credits for undergraduate part-time; and none credits and above for professional full-time students.

For those students who either drop or withdraw from classes, the board will suspend the assistance and disqualified them from further participation until they fulfill the requirements of the award.

A recipient who is denied assistance under the educational grant program has the right to appeal to the board.

BLOOD CHECK NMC

Northern Marianas College nursing students take turns demonstrating proper procedures on measuring a patient's blood glucose level with an Accu-Chek meter as Commonwealth Health Center nurse Jennifer Bahatan, seated far left, looks on. The students were getting certified in this skill during a recent workshop held at CHC. This workshop was part of many activities the new NMC nursing students were required to take part in before beginning their clinical experience at CHC.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Chamber meeting at Grand Hotel tomorrow

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will hold its October general membership meeting tomorrow, Oct. 6, at Saipan Grand Hotel's Seaside Hall.

Guest speakers during the meeting are House Committee on Ways and Means chair Ramon Basa and House Committee on Commerce and Tourism chair Edmund Villagomez.

Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30am, and the meeting will begin at noon. As usual, the meeting is $15 for members, $20 for guests of members, and $25 for general public. ***(PR)***

Increased service to Tinian and Rota thanks to ARRA grant

Micronesian Legal Services Corp. will be on Tinian for new client applications on Oct. 7 and 15, 2010 (daytime). You can call us at 234-7729 in advance for an appointment or stop by the Tinian Courthouse during our visit.

Micronesian Legal Services Corp. will be on Rota for new client applications on October 8, 2010 (daytime). You can call us at 234-7729 in advance for an appointment or stop by the Rota Courthouse during our visit. ***(PR)***

Oleai Elementary School PTSA meeting on Oct. 12

Oleai Elementary School's Parents, Teachers, and Students Association will have a meeting on Oct. 12, beginning 6:15pm at the school cafeteria. Everyone is encouraged to attend. ***(PR)***

Kagman High School report cards out Thursday

The first quarter progress report cards of students at Kagman High School will be out this Thursday, Oct. 7, from 4:30pm to 6pm. Students will be dismissed at 12pm.

For questions or more information, call 237-3840 or email: kagmanhs@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Computer Literary Nights set

Kagman High School will hold its Computer Literacy Nights at the school's cafeteria from 5pm to 6pm. Laptop distributions are also set on these dates:

- 12th graders-Seniors Oct. 4
- 11th graders-Juniors Oct. 5
- 10th graders-sophomores Oct. 6
- 9th graders-freshmen Oct. 7

Computer literacy dates will have regular class, no half days for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, except for Thursday, Oct. 7, which is half day due to progress report.

For questions or more information, call 237-3840 or e-mail: kagmanhs@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION FOR PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (a) and (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to recommend the extension of a lease on certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This lease extension is subject to the approval of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature in accordance with the mandate set out in Article XI, § 5(c) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The leased premises is described as public land Lot No. 027 E 02, containing an area of approximately 4,530 square meters, more or less, situated in Lower Base, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.

ii. The lessee is JL Reyes Incorporated, a CNMI Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation are Juan S. Reyes, Dolores R. Tudela, and Leticia D. Reyes.

The President of the Corporation is Juan S. Reyes. The Vice President is Dolores R. Tudela. The Treasurer/Secretary is Leticia D. Reyes.

iii. The proposed lease extension was negotiated by Mr. Juan S. Reyes.

iv. The lessee shall continue to use the premises solely for the purpose of operating the business of general contracting, construction, offices, materials/supply warehouse, and activities related thereto.

The term of the lease agreement extension is 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the properties.

v. Copies of the proposed lease extension agreements may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; the 2nd floor of the Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public lands in Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before October 14, 2010 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NOTISIA POT MAPROPONEN EKSTENSION INATKILAN TANO´ PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi halom i Seksiona 106 (a) gi Lai Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipattamenton Tano´ Pupbliku guini na ha nå´i notisia i intension-ña para u rekumenda i ekstension ma'atkilan i pumalu na tano´ pupbliku siha gi halom Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan Na Islan Marianas Siha. Este na ekstension atkilon sinuhetu ni para u inapreba ni Lihislaturan Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islan Marianas siha sigun ni mamånda huyong gi Attikulu XI, § 5(c) gi Konstitusion gi Sangkattan na Islan Marianas siha. Maseha håyi na petsona siha gi halom i pupbliku henerå siña manna´hålom infotmasion, opiñon, pat testamonion kinentra gi tinahguen propositu siha para i inatkilan tano´ pupbliku. Komu mås mapribeniyi ginen i Lai Pupbliku 15-2, ni tinattitiyi ni pettanesen infotmasion ni dinimånda na para u mapupblika

i. I ma´atkilan tåno´ pupbliku madeskribi komu Lot No. 027 E 02, ni kinensisiste i åria gi kåsi propiu 4,530 square meters, potlumenus mås, ni gaige giya Lower Base, Saipan. i kopian i pumalu na lugåt gaige na gumuaha gi Dipattamenton Tano´ Pupbliku Siha para i rikonosimento.

ii. I manatkikila si JL Reyes Incorporated, i Corportion. I Kuetpon i Direktot siha gi Corporation si Juan S. Reyes, Dolores R. Tudela, yan si Leticia D. Reyes.

I Presidenten i Corporation si Juan S. Reyes. I Sigundo Presidente si Dolores R. Tudela I Tresurårio / Sekritåria si Leticia D. Reyes..

iii. I maproponen ekstension atkilon manigosio gi as Siñot Juan S. Reyes..

iv. I manatkikila debi na u usa i lugåt siha uniku para i rason i manmaneha bisnes gi general contracting, konstraksion, ofisina siha, materiåt/supply na warehouse, yan i mana'achule' n aktibidåt siha.

I teman kontråtan inekstenden atkilon sa´ (15) åños.

I maproponen atkilon kada såkkan gi durånten i tema sigun gi percentage gi ma'estima gi fair market value gi propiedåt, inengklulusu i tumatachu na estrokto siha.

v. I kopian i maproponen kontråtan ekstension atkilon siha siña machule´ gi ofisian Dipattamenton Tåno´ Pupbliku Siha, gaige gi sigundo bibienda gi as Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; i sigundo bibienda gi Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Rota; pat i primet bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. I Dipattamenton Tano´ Pupbliku siha ha risibi tåya´ na tinahguen propositu siha para atkila i suheto i tano´ pupbliku giya Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. I Sekritårion i Dipattamenton Tano´ Pupbliku siha debi na uma´aksepta i tinige´ infetmasion, opiñon, testamonion kinentra pat tinahguen propositu siha ginen i maninteresåo na pattida siha gi pat åntes di Oktubre 14, 2010 gi Ofisinan Dipattamenton Tano´ Pupbliku siha ni manggaige giya Saipan, Rota pat Tinian.

ARONGORONG REEL POMWOL AKKILONUL FALÚWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil ye 106 (b) mellól Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwlil Falúweer Toulap ekke atotoowow ammataf igha ebwe akkilaaló eghús falúw mellól Seipel, Commonwealth Téél Falúwasch Marianas. Akkilon yeel nge ebwe mwir sangi alughulughul Sow Ffeerul Allegh mellol Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands iye e alléghewow mellól Article XI, Tálil 5(c) mellól Allégh Lapalap Northern Mariana Islands. Schóókka eyoor máfiyeer nge rebwe isisilong aghiyghiir, awewee, aingiingil reel pomwol akkilonul ammwelil falúweer toulap mebwal Alléghúl Toulap ye 15-2, e ayoora, lamal awewee kka rebwe mweiti ngáli milikka ebwe akkatéélo.

i. Pomwol akkilonul falúweer toulap nge ekke bwáári Lot No.027 E 02, faawu sangaras limeigh me eliigh llapal (4, 530 square meters), elapeló me ngáre eghús, elo Lower Base, Seipél Tilighial bwuley yeel nge eyoor mereel Bwulasiyool Falúweer Toulap (Public Lands) ngáre óubwe ghuley fischiy.

ii. Schéschéél schóól akkilon nge JL Reyes Incorporated, CNMI Corporation. Mwiischil samwool kkey (Directors) mellól Corporation nge Juan S. Reyes, Dolores R. Tudela, me Leticia D. Reyes.

Samwoolul Corporation nge Juan S. Reyes. Arúscheyil Samwool nge
Dolores R. Tudela. Treasurer/Secretary nge Leticia D. Reyes

iii. Schóól aweweel akkilon nge Mr. Juan S. Reyes.

iv. Schóól akkilon ebwe yááli bwuley me mwóghut ágheli bisinisil pwol (contracting), construction, offices, peiraghil warehouse, me akkááw mwóghutul.

Tool aighúghúl pomwol akkilon nge reweigh me limoow ráágh (25 years)

Pomwol akkilon ye llól alongal ráágh nge ebwe mwir sángi llapal méél falúw (value of the property).

v. Tilighial akkilon yeel nge emmwel óubwe bwughi mereel bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap, elo aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) me Joeten Dandan Commercial Building llol Tuturam, Seipél; aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) mellól Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Luuta; me ngáre mmwal pwó (1st floor) mellól Kings Commercial Building, Tchúlúyól.

vi. Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge esáál bweibwogh mwo pomwol akkilon ye elo Lower Base, Seipel.

vii. Samwoolul Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughil ischil mángemáng, aingiingil mereel amweyút mmwal Ottuubre (October) 14, 2010 mellól Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap iye elo Seipél, Luuta, Tchúlúyól.

DOE deputy assistant secretary to visit CNMI

Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan visits Hopwood Junior High School in this file photo. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Congressman Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan has announced that top officials from the U.S. Department of Education will make an historic visit to the Northern Mariana Islands next week at his invitation.

Dr. Carl Harris, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education at the department, will be in the Northern Marianas for three days, accompanied by Special Advisor Crystal Martinez. Harris will be the highest level Education official ever to come to the NMI.

"I am very glad that Dr. Harris has agreed to travel all this distance to meet with our Board of Education and Public School System officials, and with parent, teachers, and students," Sablan said.

"For him to see first hand the accomplishments of our educators, but also the tremendous challenges they face, will certainly give Dr. Harris a much better understanding of our situation. He will be much better able to help us from his position at the U.S. Department of Education as a result of this trip."

Harris and Martinez will be in the NMI for three full days, beginning on Oct. 12. Their itinerary includes one day on Tinian, where they will go to all of the public schools. They will also visit elementary, junior high, and high schools on Saipan.

On the final evening, Thursday, Oct. 14, there will be a town hall hosted by Sablan and the Public School System, where the DOE officials can hear about education in the NMI directly from parents, students, and anyone from the general public who wants to attend.

Harris and Martinez will also be able to discuss President Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan's vision for the future of education in the United States.

"It is vitally important that our students, parents, teachers, and administrators here in the Northern Marianas take this opportunity to join in our national educational debate," said Congressman Sablan. "I hope that what Dr. Harris hears and learns here will become part of the policy discussions and decisions he will make back in Washington."

Sablan met with Harris and Martinez last month to go over the details of the trip. At the meeting he also invited Harris to consider using the Northern Marianas as a laboratory to explore innovative ideas in education.

"We have exceptional teachers, administrators, and students here in the NMI," Sablan said. "They are able to produce amazing results, often with limited resources. I told Dr. Harris about the Manta Rays band, for example, and how given the opportunity, our students have the drive, vision, and talent to make it all the way to Carnegie hall.

"The same is true in every aspect of our students' educational experience—given the tools they need, our students can excel. I know he will be able to see that when he speaks to them, and I look forward to his visit."

Dr. Carl Harris works in policy and strategic initiatives in the office of Elementary and Secondary Education. Before taking his post at the Department of Education, Harris was a teacher and a principal, as well as the school superintendent in Durham, North Carolina and Franklin County, North Carolina. ***(PR)***

Can you identify

THE NMI Council for the Humanities, in collaboration with the *Saipan Tribune*, is running a series of photographs in this section every Tuesday and is inviting the public to identify the persons or places featured in this section.

If you can identify the persons or places in the picture, please contact the NMI Council for the Humanities by telephone (235-4785), via email (photo@nmihumanities.org) or by visiting the Council's office located in Springs Plaza, Gualo Rai. These images are from the Council's Historic Photograph Database which is currently being developed to help document the history and cultures of the CNMI.

Last week's photo was identified as follows: from left, Jesus S. Sablan, Victorino Chong, and Stanley Torres. Photo was dentified by Ben Barcinas and Vicky Concepcion.

DPW official in sexual assault case enters not guilty plea

A Department of Public Works official appeared in the Superior Court yesterday and entered a not guilty plea to allegations he sexually assaulted a trainee of the Workforce Investment Agency.

DPW Technical Services Division Director Joseph Inos Jr., 32, waived reading of the information and pleaded not guilty to the charges of assault and battery, disturbing the peace, misconduct in public office, and false arrest.

Presiding Judge Robert Naraja appointed the Office of the Public Defender to represent Inos after the Office of Adult Probation determined that the defendant is indigent and therefore eligible for court-appointed counsel.

Naraja set a status conference for Nov. 4, 2010 at 9am.

Chief Prosecutor Michael L. Ernest stated in the charging information that on Aug. 16, 2010 Inos "unlawfully struck beat, wounded, or otherwise caused bodily harm, or had sexual contact" with a 17-year-old child.

Ernest said the defendant "did unlawfully detain" the minor by force and against her will."

He said Inos "being an employee of the Commonwealth did an illegal act under color of office and willfully failed to perform the duties of his office as provided by law." ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Oct. 5, 1999

Food and Nutrition Council weighs effects of betel nut

The Food and Nutrition Council has expressed concern on the possible negative effects of chewing betel nut on the health of the people amid reports that it can cause various diseases. Council chairman Pamela Mathis said board members are studying the issue very well to be able to come up with a position paper in a scheduled meeting this month. "Chewing betel nut is part of the island's tradition so we have to study carefully the health consequences attached to this practice," said Mathis. She noted that the negative effects have been associated with the use of lime and tobacco in chewing betel nut. Although there have been claims that prolonged use of betel nut can cause cancer, Mathis said there is no hard data or study to support such claim.

DPH eyes more clinics for Saipan

The Department of Public Health plans to tap federal funds for the establishment of health clinics on Saipan in order to ease overcrowding at the Commonwealth Health Center. A clinic in San Antonio is currently under construction and is expected to open in December. He said an OB-Gyne, a pediatrician and a nurse will man the San Antonio clinic. Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez said he hopes to set up three more health clinics on Saipan through federal funds. He said the clinics may be situated in Kagman, San Jose or Susupe and one in the Northern part of the island.

Oct. 5, 2000

NMC accreditation in full swing

The whole college community stood by yesterday as the nine-member team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges began its four-day evaluation of CNMI's lone public postsecondary institution. Prior to the formal visit, the Northern Marianas College administration oriented students, professors, administrators and staff on the series of activities scheduled to take place within the week, in efforts to ease the growing tension associated with the whole accreditation process. NMC Accreditation Liaison Officer Dr. Barbara Moir appeased the college community by underscoring the principal goal of accreditation which is to ensure that NMC maintains high academic standards and services expected of an institution for higher learning.

Rota wants 'shooting resorts' despite safety concerns

Rota is willing to host "shooting resorts" if both Saipan and Tinian will oppose legislation easing the gun control law in the CNMI in a bid to encourage investments in this sector, according to its mayor, Benjamin T. Manglona. It's only through such proposal that the island municipality will be able to develop its economy and approach near the growth being experienced in the two neighboring islands, he said in lobbying for the passage of HB 12-212. The measure, which seeks to amend the Weapons Control Act to allow use of high-caliber handguns and rifles for use in the proposed shooting resorts, is currently under review by the Senate Committee on Resources, Economic, Development and Programs.

Oct. 5, 2001

Bailout money for CNMI underway

The federal government has reportedly pledged to set aside emergency funds to bail out the Commonwealth from the worsening economic situation, which came as a result of the recent terrorist attacks against the US. The Covenant Party's gubernatorial aspirant Benigno R. Fitial disclosed the "good news" yesterday to Northern Marianas College students, faculty and staff during a forum organized by the Associated Students. Fitial said he learned from his friends in the US Congress that the CNMI will be receiving a substantial amount of financial assistance from certain departments in the federal government.

GOP offers economic solutions

Reviving the CNMI's flair as a stable ground for business opportunities is what Republican Party gubernatorial candidates John N. Babauta and Diego Benavente plan to establish if elected into office. The gubernatorial tandem, speaking before the education community at the Northern Marianas College yesterday, underscored the need to haul more investors into the islands. Babauta, however, said this would not be possible unless the government enacts stable policies and laws that would strengthen investor confidence. "Unless we develop efficient government services, provide basic infrastructure, and other necessities, the investors will never come," warned Babauta, the CNMI's resident Washington Representative.

Island Snapshots

TRAVEL FAIR CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

The Northern Mariana Islands booth at Japan Association of Travel Agents World Travel Fair on Sept. 24-26, 2010, in Tokyo.

Gordon Marciano of Pacific Development Inc, at left, teaches the art of banana printing at the Marianas Visitors Authority booth during this year's Japan Association of Travel Agents World Travel Fair.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Birthday greetings go out to Dan Ray Hernandez. May you have many more birthdays to come! God bless and we love you. Greeting from your family.

VINSON TURNS 1

Happy first birthday to Vinson Mafnas Basa. We love you and hope you enjoy your special day. Lots of love from you family

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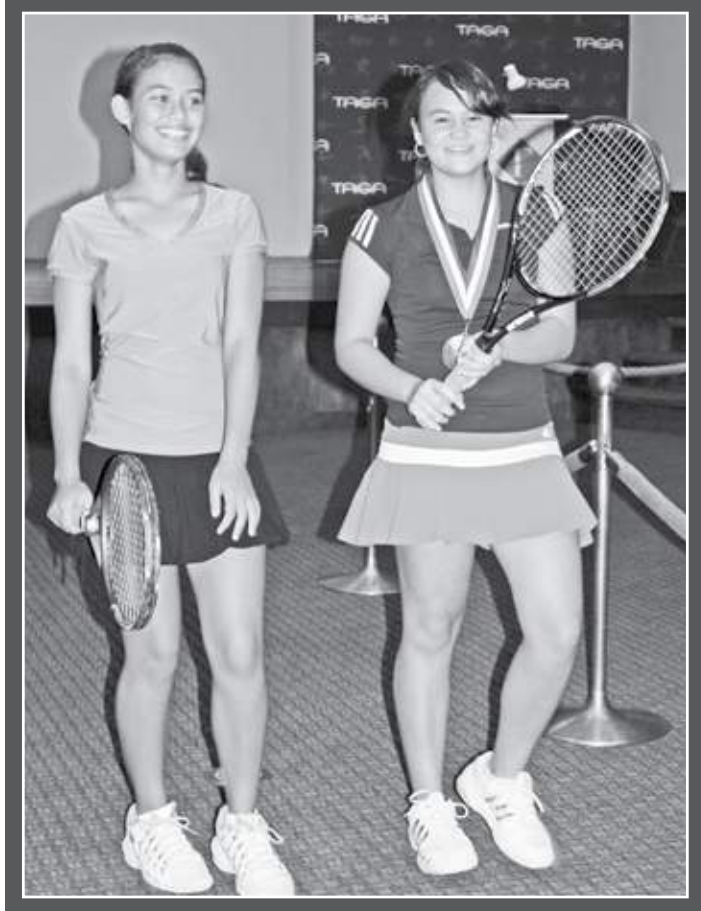

Tennis players Emily Jones and Melody Johnson walk the runway at the Hibiscus Hall during the launch party of TAGA *Sports* magazine.

Enrico Del Rosario and Joon Lee of MP United pose for photographers during the TAGA *Sports* fashion show.

Tennis players Rafael Jones, left, and Peter Loyola strut their stuff during the TAGA *Sports* fashion show.

Hank Arurang of the Kagman Aztecs on his batting stance during the TAGA *Sports* fashion show.

MMA fighters Cuki Alvarez and Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan demonstrate their fighting skills.

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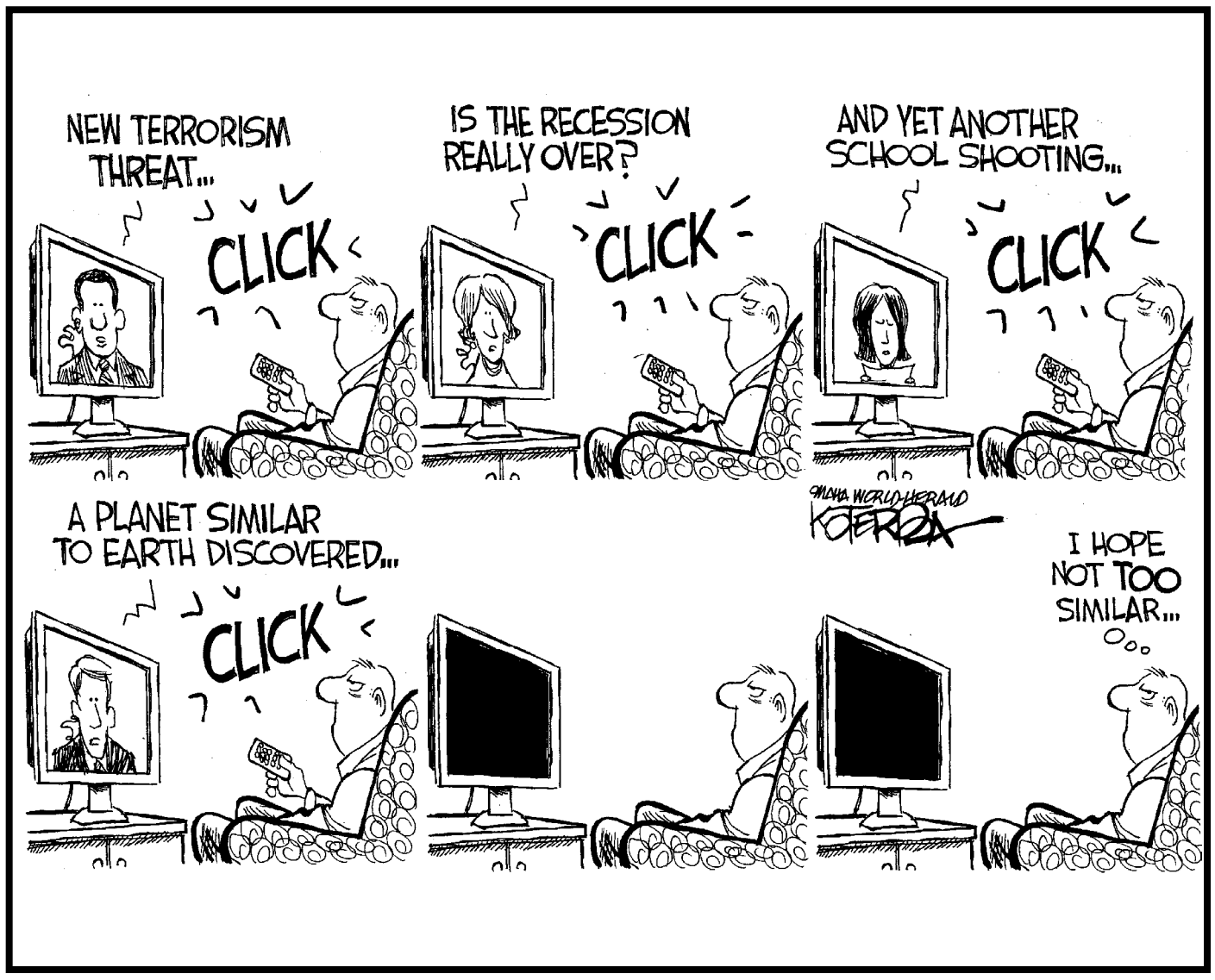

EDITORIAL

Challenging China on trade

Twenty years ago, Americans were alarmed by reports of Japanese conglomerates buying major U.S. assets. Now we're worried about China selling us too many cheap consumer products. The latter problem has a much more profound effect on the U.S. economy: The enormous trade imbalance with China—we buy far more of their goods than they buy of ours—has caused this country to lose millions of manufacturing jobs over the past decade.

The imbalance stems at least in part from China's undervalued currency, which artificially lowers the cost of the goods it exports. Persistent criticism from U.S. officials has led China to let its currency (the renminbi, whose units are called yuan) grow in value relative to the dollar. But that growth has been too slow to make a significant dent in China's trade surplus.

On Wednesday, a fed-up House of Representatives approved a bill that poses risks for the U.S., not the least being the possibility of a trade war with China. But if threatening to enact it helps persuade China to let the yuan appreciate more rapidly, then the bill could achieve its goals without an economic shot being fired.

In theory, huge trade imbalances should be unsustainable. U.S. importers have to convert their dollars to yuan to buy Chinese goods, and with the trade imbalance, more dollars are being converted into yuan than yuan into dollars. The excess demand for yuan should drive up its value and make Chinese goods costlier for U.S. buyers.

But the Chinese government has counteracted that pressure by increasing the supply of yuan and snapping up dollars. By the end of June, it held more than $2.5 trillion in its foreign exchange reserves. By keeping the value of the yuan low relative to the dollar, it has helped Chinese manufacturers maintain their price advantage over U.S. companies. The policy also has hurt U.S. exports by reducing the buying power of the yuan, at least where foreign goods are concerned. In short, China's efforts violate a fundamental principle of international trade law, which aims to stop governments from tipping the trading scales.

The House bill has some obvious shortcomings. Unilaterally imposing tariffs based on a novel theory that currency intervention can be an illegal trade subsidy may run afoul of the World Trade Organization, whose rules the United States has been pressing China to obey. The bill wouldn't provide broad relief to manufacturers; instead, it would require them to bring complaints on a product-by-product basis, with each

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What Confucius says is useful to China's rulers

By DANIEL K. GARDNER
Los Angeles Times

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Confucius, the venerable sage who lived in the 6th century BC, is enjoying a 21st-century revival. His rehabilitators? The Chinese Communist Party. Yes, that party, the one celebrating the 61st anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China on Oct. 1. The same party whose chairman, Mao Tse-tung, vilified Confucius' "stinking corpse" during the Cultural Revolution and ordered the Red Guards to destroy all temples, statues, historical landmarks and texts associated with the sage. But, as China turns 61, the Great Helmsman is out and Confucius, who would have turned 2,561 on Sept. 28, is in.

As early as February 2005, the Beijing leadership began endorsing the sage's teachings again, citing him approvingly in a speech delivered to the National Congress by President Hu Jintao: "Confucius said, 'Harmony is something to be cherished.'"

Since then the terms "harmonious society" and "harmonious world" have become mantras of the party leaders and the basis of their domestic and foreign policies. During the opening ceremonies of the 2008 Olympics, the world was greeted not by quotations from Mao's Little Red Book but by warm homilies from the teachings of Confucius.

What explains this redemption? Confucius gave attention to two overarching matters: what makes for good government, and what makes for a morally good individual. His answers were elegant—and compelling—in their simplicity. Good government rules not by physical force but through moral force. The ideal ruler embodies virtue, which is expressed in his unfailingly benevolent treatment of the people. In turn, the people voluntarily, even eagerly, choose to follow him.

Because government, to be good, requires a good ruler—and good officials—Confucius also characterizes what makes for a good person: someone who possesses a love of learning; strives to achieve benevolence, righteousness, propriety and wisdom; treats others as he would wish to be treated; is trustworthy and loyal as a friend, filial as a son and obedient as a subject; and, reciprocally, is affectionate and caring as a parent or an official.

What in this millenniums-old vision resonates with Beijing today?

With the proclamation "to get rich is glorious," Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader for two decades beginning in the late 1970s, ushered in the post-Mao era. An ideology of socialist revolution through class warfare gave way to an ideology of getting rich. And, of course, the Chinese—or at least some—have since become very wealthy indeed. But unbridled economic growth has spawned a host of problems: a widening gulf between rich and poor, urban and rural; heightened social tensions; increasing unemployment; rising crime; rampant corruption, especially among government officials and local business leaders; environmental degradation; healthcare and elderly care that is out of the reach of vast numbers of people; and a skyrocketing incidence of public protests (tens of thousands annually).

The Communist Party is neither unaware of nor insensitive to these problems. But it is determined to confront them without surrendering any of its political control or authority; it has shown little inclination to make substantive changes to the prevailing political system or institutions of government.

In the ideology of Confucianism, party leadership has rediscovered a potent language for addressing the challenges China now faces. The teachings of the sage, after all, offer the promise of social harmony. The crux of the Confucian agenda is that individuals, whatever their social or economic status, are to treat their fellow human beings empathetically and with proper respect. A philanthropic, communal spirit imbues humanity, creating a society in which "all within the four seas are brothers." Here the Beijing leadership sees an opportunity to lessen the wealth gap and ease social tensions _ and at little financial cost to the government.

And if official corruption is one of the most serious grievances among the people _ frequently capable of sparking social unrest _ traditional Confucian teachings again provide authorities with the language to show the people that they are attacking it head-on. The official China Daily observed in 2007: "In traditional Confucianism, the cultivation of personal moral integrity is considered the most basic quality for an honest official. The qualities of uprightness, modesty, hard work, frugality and honesty that President Hu encourages officials to incorporate into their work and lifestyle are exactly the same as the moral integrity of a decent person in traditional culture."

Confucius promises a government that cares for the people, that makes their well-being its primary concern. This is to govern by virtue. And virtue creates its own legitimacy: paternalistic, affectionate care of the people by the rulers is sure to be

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Letters to the Editor

Senators, enough is enough, pass the House version!

The governor is howling and crying foul over 380 employees in his branch losing jobs should the Senate version of the budget bill pass vs, 1,400 common ordinary government employees who are now temporarily out of jobs.

What is this government not telling the public? In my opinion to accept an eight-hour pay cut and 10 unpaid holidays will be disastrous to both sides. The Senate's version of the budget bill offers no immediate solution to the shortfall of $9 million on payroll alone to be incurred if passed, leaving a greater risk of almost 2,000 government employees combined to face unemployment should the shortfall continue without any immediate revenue generating bill.

Eventually such a deficit will increase each time one is not identified. How does the Senate propose or intend to address the millions in arrears currently owed to the Retirement Fund if a budget is not passed? Who is going to pay for the government's utilities and so forth? Bottom line, is your version of the budget bill have major unintended consequences, unless it is the Senate's way of downsizing the government. Common sense should dictate that a 16-hour pay cut and 13 unpaid holidays is more reasonable and it offers more time to identify revenue generating bills.

Again, in my opinion If I were to chose the following alternatives A) eight-hour pay cut /seven unpaid holidays = more deficit, pay less paydays and eventual permanent layoff and years fighting to collect my retirement contributions B) 16 hours/13 unpaid holidays, job security, and a paycheck with all benefits in tack. I choose B, for the promises of better times and prosperity for the CNMI and its people can no longer be trusted.

Act immediately and pass the House version of the budget bill. If not 2,000 government employees will ultimately be unemployed and major civil action lawsuits will ensue.

Good news on House Speaker Froilan Tenorio's casino bill. The speaker and his proponents have agreed to amend their casino bill to include removing all poker arcades in villages and near school grounds into the proposed casino facility. The other good news, a koban to house both DPS and DYS will be placed at the entrance of the casino grounds free of charge including utilities to ensure that anyone who brings their children (minors) to the casino grounds will be immediately charged, prosecuted with serious fines imposed including additional fees penalizing each poker vendor operating in the proposed casino facility. It's all up to you the voters for the third time.

Gregorio Cruz
Taotao Tano president

Threats and refusal to help vets

Dear Congressman Sablan,

Today I was in Stockton, California to meet with Mr. Lathe K. Bragg. A group of veterans in a large group was asking questions about the Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits that we are entitled to. I asked Mr. Bragg, who makes the decisions on who gets what and he stated that he does. Also, he stated that if anyone contacted their U.S. congressman for help concerning our Vocational Rehabilitation, he would personally not entertain the individual and the individual's file will be on the bottom of his files or workload. He was threatening us (veterans) not to contact our congressman for help or he would refuse to help us. Advise him not to misinform the veterans about their right to request assistance from their congressman. I knew he was giving me a warning, because I had asked for assistance from congressman from Hawaii, to assist me to get my Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits in the past and the Sacramento office was tasked to handle my case. Mr. Bragg appears to be attacking my questions. He stated that this is my second try for Chapter 31 and he assured me that I am not going to get my benefit. I strongly believe that Mr. Bragg was biased toward my case and I know that he will not approve my request for my benefits. I got up and called your office right away. I spoke to Frances Diaz and I told her about my situation.

I am requesting for your office to make a congressional inquiries concerning the way the United States Veteran Administration Vocational Rehabilitation Program award the benefit to the veterans within the Oakland Regional office. Based on my research in the past, majority of all Chapter 31 awardees to a four-year college were caucasians and we felt that there was racial bias when it comes to who goes to a four-year college or graduate school. I have spoken to Sen. Francisco Cruz (R-Tinian) about what had happen and he would like for your office to send him all documents involving this request. Also, he would like to know if any actions would be taken against Mr. Bragg's behavior toward me. I had spoken to several disabled veteran groups and they had brought up that the Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors had so much power. There is no one to question their decision and an oversight entity needs to be implemented to protect the veterans. Mr. Lathe K. Bragg's (MS, VRC Sacramento) comment to the veterans and me not to contact our congressman for any help is outright misleading. Mr. Bragg needs to be accountable for his actions. His threat and announcing to the group that I was on my second try for my benefit was unprofessional on his part. I am requesting for your office to provide me and Sen. Cruz a copy of the statistics on the past awards concerning the United States Veterans Affair Chapter 31 Program in the Oakland Regional District. Sen. Cruz and I are requesting that you introduce a bill that would assure that people like Mr. Bragg of Sacramento have to answer to someone like oversight committee.

In 1997, I fought for the University of Guam to open an actual disabled student services and I believe someone needs to speak up for the betterment of the whole. I am making this an issue, because no veteran should be treat the way I was treating by Mr. Bragg.

Segundo Castro
Stockton, CA

Solutions to problems

I am sick and tired of hearing austerity measure, unpaid holiday, casino, layoff, balance budget, but yet our present administration still continues hiring additional employees despite our declining economy that is exacerbated by the government shutdown. This is ridiculous in the Northern Mariana Islands history. Wake up legislators try to find ways to help our people in providing food on the table for their families.

I have a lot of friends working in the government receiving salaries below $12,000 annually working very hard. Majority of my friends can't afford to pay $10 for throwing net license due to the fact that there's another obligation to meet such as CUC billing and gas for their vehicle. Take a moment and evaluate our present cost of living. There's no price control. The price for the gas and CUC rate is too high. Amend the law and allow my poor friends to use their throwing nets. Also allow them to fish in sanctuary areas for their families.

Don't let the people down, help them. If you failed to do so, I am offering a solution to our present problems. You can save millions of dollars. First of all, let me take this opportunity to challenge all senators or congressmen who have the guts to stand and propose and introduce a bill on the following solutions.

1. Downsize legislature based on the updated 2010 census.
2. Part-time legislators (like in Texas)
3. Demolish House of Representatives like Guam (focus only on senators and mayors)

I hope that my solutions are good for our people.

Edwin Fujihira Atalig
Kagman

Wanted: Negotiator

With those on both sides of the budget battle having stated positions on the matter, the problem is how to get them to change and agree to something different without losing face. No one on either side wants to lose face, which has been at least partially responsible for the present deadlocked state of affairs.

A simple solution would be to bring in an outside third party as negotiator, arbitrator, mediator—someone both sides can respect and will listen to. It's unfortunate that the shutdown has occurred in the midst of an election campaign—there will be few "elder statesmen" (though the negotiator does not necessarily have to be an "elder"!) not politically tainted one way or another, but perhaps someone acceptable can be found nonetheless.

If not, that person may have to be found through a request for proposal.

The settlement negotiations also need a financial guru. It's a pity Sen. Maria T. Pangelinan is not still in office. Her ability, knowledge, skill in dealing with budget matters is legendary, and appears much needed in the current budget debate. Perhaps she can be persuaded to lend her services once again, to bring reason to the endless arbitrary suggestions for "balancing" the budget that are being put forward by various members of the Legislature—and the administration. If she's not available, those skills are still needed to bring rationality to the discussions, and again, perhaps a request for proposal would become necessary.

Finding a negotiator, allowing time for an accurate look at the budget will take time. It is not fair to those who've been declared "non-essential" to have to wait the month or more it may take to come up with an agreement all can live with.

Perhaps a judge can be found who would be willing to lift the Constitutional ban—hold it in abeyance—for 30 days, to give the negotiations, the re-working of the budget, time to be resolved. The judge could also declare that government would not work under a continuing resolution—spending according to last year's budget—but according to some lesser percent thereof.

The threat of veto by the governor? One could include the governor in the negotiation sessions. Or the negotiator could insist that the legislators hold to whatever agreement is worked out, and over-ride a veto, should the governor decide to exercise it.

It used to be the Micronesian way to settle differences by consensus. If the members of the Legislature need help to get there, rather than discarding the practice, they should be willing to take whatever steps are necessary to bring it about—and if it requires the help of a negotiator, then they should obtain it—promptly!

Ruth Tighe
Tanapag

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complaint taking more than a year to resolve. And it could set a precedent for other countries to impose tariffs on U.S. goods when the Federal Reserve drives down the value of the dollar by taking extraordinary steps to lower interest rates, as it has done during the current downturn.

A better alternative might be to levy a tax on dollar-to-yuan conversions for as long as the Chinese government intervenes in the value of its currency. In the meantime, though, the House bill sends an unmistakable signal to Beijing that U.S. lawmakers' patience has run out. Hopefully the leverage the House is supplying will help the Obama administration persuade China to stop playing the currency game according to its own rules.

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reciprocated by the people's trust and obedience. Hu Jintao's appropriation of the language of Confucianism not only fills the ideological void left by Marxist-Leninism's demise but also suggests to the governed that, in seeking to create a harmonious society and a harmonious world, he and other officials take their "Confucian" responsibility of moral leadership to heart. Their expectation is that the people, in turn, will place trust in the government and be obedient to it, with minimal dissent.

China's government appears determined to address the fissures and tensions born of almost three decades of unrestrained economic development. But it seems equally determined to bring about such change without reforming the prevailing one-party system of governance. The regime in Beijing, eager to keep its power intact, to maintain the political status quo, has chosen, for the time being, to goad the Chinese toward social harmony through traditional ideological and moral exhortations.

Resuscitating the sage today thus serves the party's political aims. But to conclude that cherry-picking soothing phrases from Confucian writings is the same as a genuine and enduring commitment to the vision of Confucius would be a mistake.

The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼79
Palau	Showers	▲86	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲87	▼77
Chuuk	Partly Sunny	▲84	▼77
Pohnpei	Rain	▲86	▼75
Kosrae	Rain	▲88	▼80
Majuro	Rain	▲86	▼77

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼55
Beijing	Sunny	▲77	▼52
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲81	▼68
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼57
Los Angeles	Showers	▲70	▼53
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89	▼77
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲65	▼49
Miami	Thundershowers	▲84	▼72
New York	Showers	▲64	▼53
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲78	▼61
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲68	▼54
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼62
Rome	Sunny	▲76	▼57
Salem	Sunny	▲65	▼45
San Francisco	Sunny	▲69	▼56
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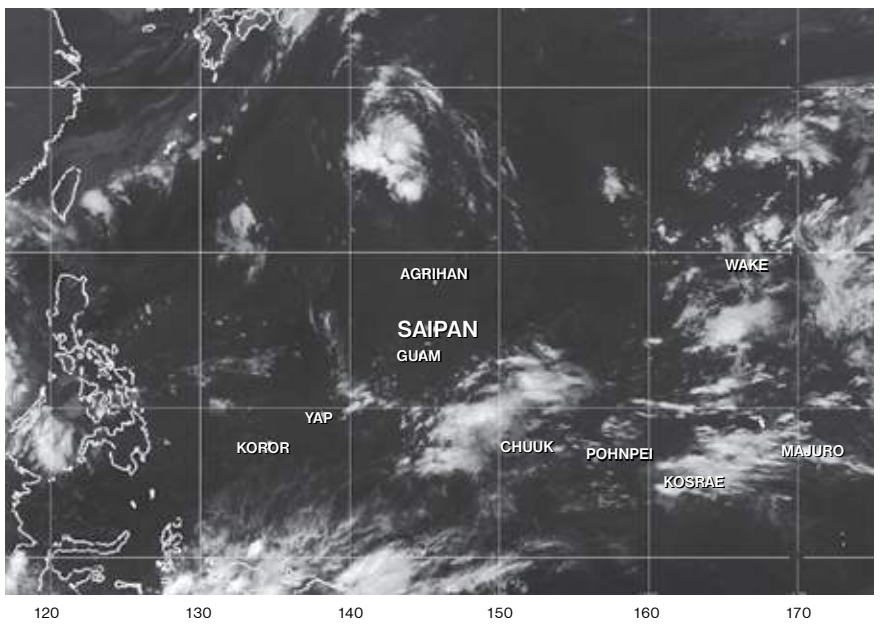
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲75	▼65
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲67	▼52

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Upper-level lows southeast of Okinawa at 20N132E and northeast of Wake Island at 25N168E are triggering isolated thunderstorms between 20N and 23N from 131E to 134E and north of a line from 24N166E to 24N171E. Low-level convergence between the CNMI and Iwo To island is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between 20N and 25N from 139E and 150E. A surface trough extends northeastward from near Chuuk at 7N150E to end near Wake Island at 21N168E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 100 miles of the trough axis. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers east of Kosrae and over and north of the Marshall Islands within an area bounded by a line from 6N166E to 6N180 to 25N177E to 25N171E back to 6N166E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:36 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
11:20 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
5:51 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:07 AM	6:04 PM
Wednesday	6:07 AM	6:03 PM
Thursday	6:07 AM	6:02 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	6:02 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	6:01 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:12 AM	3:52 PM
Wednesday	4:12 AM	4:38 PM
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DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily
DL297	3:20pm	5:55pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA

DL640	7:40am	10:20am	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09599/PR111	9:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1	Daily

NAGOYA-SAIPAN

DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL630/641	6:30am	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT
C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Business

BoG offers loan deferrals to affected CNMI government employees

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HAGATNA, Guam—The Bank of Guam today announced the availability of loan deferrals to CNMI government employees facing hardships as a result of the shutdown and reduced working hours. The program is effective immediately and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

CNMI government employees are encouraged to contact their local Bank of Guam CNMI officers to discuss the details of the program. Bank of Guam board chair, president, and CEO Lou A. Leon Guerrero said, "The Bank of Guam is mindful of its community responsibility and is offering this opportunity to assist CNMI employees who need it."

For additional information, contact Marci Tomokane, CNMI regional manager at 670-236-2700, fax 670-233-5003 or email at marci.tomokane@bankofguam.com. ***(BoG)***

US terror warning could hurt Europe's economy

MADRID (AP)—A rare advisory for U.S. travelers to beware of potential terrorist threats in Europe drew American shrugs Sunday from Paris to Rome, but tourism officials worried that it could deter would-be visitors from moving ahead with plans to cross the Atlantic.

The travel alert is a step below a formal warning not to visit Europe, but some experts said it could still hurt a fragile European economy already hit hard by the debt crisis.

"I think if someone was looking for an excuse not to travel, then this is just the ticket," said George Hobica, founder of Airfarewatchdog.com. "However, I don't think most people will alter their plans unless the threat is very specific."

The State Department alert advised the hundreds of thousands of U.S. citizens living or traveling in Europe to take more precautions about their personal security. Security officials say terrorists may be plotting attacks in Europe with assault weapons on public places, similar to the deadly 2008 shooting spree in Mumbai, India.

Without a specific threat, however, American visitors were not letting the alert disrupt their travels.

"We live in New York. So in New York we think about these things all the time," said Richard Mintzer, a 55-year-old American visiting Italy with his wife. "I wouldn't say we are particularly worried in Rome, no more than we would be at home, or anywhere in the Western world."

At Paris' spring-summer 2011 ready-to-wear fashion shows, W magazine fashion market director Karla Martinez said she gets "worried for five minutes, but then I forget about it and get back to the job that I'm here to do.

"It's a little scary when you're staying in a big hotel with lots of tourists, because we hear that could be a target, but I try not to get too worked up about it," she said. "At the end of the day all you can do is keep your eyes and ears open and try not to be naive."

The nonprofit group IES Abroad sent e-mails Sunday warning about 1,500 college students in its European study abroad programs to avoid crowded tourist spots and hangouts typically frequented by Americans. The message—also sent to the students' parents—also told students to leave public places if they see signs of trouble.

"We say, 'Be alert, cautious and aware of your surroundings,'" IES executive vice president Bill Hoye said. "It means, 'Don't be totally plugged into your iPod.'"

Hours after the e-mails were sent by the Chicago-based group, it had no sign of any students who wanted to drop out of the programs.

The impact on travel could deepen if the threat leads to new, tighter security measures, said Henry Harteveldt, a travel analyst for Forrester Research. But the U.S.-based Air Transport Association, a trade group for the airline industry, said it expects "business as usual."

United, Continental and Delta said they were operating as usual on Sunday without any cancellations or delays related to the terror alert. The airlines said customers will be charged the usual penalty if they want to change itineraries.

Kevin Mitchell, chairman of the Business Travel Coalition, said business travelers will likely keep their plans and hold onto nonrefundable tickets as long as the warning remains "fairly general."

"The biggest impact will be those people who right now haven't yet made their plans," Mitchell said. "They're the ones who will forestall their decision until the situation is a little bit more clear."

The travel alert noted in particular "the potential for terrorists to attack public transportation systems and other tourist infrastructure."

"Current information suggests that al-Qaida and affiliated organizations continue to plan terrorist attacks," it said. "European governments have taken action to guard against a terrorist attack and some have spoken publicly about the heightened threat conditions."

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., stressed to reporters after talking to State Department and Justice Department officials that the alert "means be careful when you go, but they are not advising you not to go."

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

IP&E LAUNCHES ULTRA LOW SULFUR DIESEL

Isla Petroleum and Energy Company LLC (IP&E) launched Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel to the Saipan market last Sept. 21. The event heralded a significant and important change in the petroleum industry of the Northern Pacific. Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel has 99.7 percent less sulfur content and provides tremendous environmental benefits such as reducing sulfur emissions. The launch was attended by, from left, IP&E marketing manager Jeanette Suzuki, IP&E executive vice president Eloy Lizama, Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos, IP&E CNMI area manager Jeff Boyer, IP&E accountant Nimfa Canedo, IP&E retail assistant Gina Lopez, IP&E IT administrator Victor Cruz Jr.

Personal Internet use at work

Question: I have employees who seem to spend a lot of time on the Internet, monitoring their Facebook pages, checking their email accounts and surfing. How do I stop this? Should I have HR send out a memo telling them that it's against company policy?"

Wait a second now. From your comment about "having employees," I have to assume that you are either a supervisor or a manager. This touches on the subject of my first article on Aug. 3. I clarified there that human resource management is not performed by the people in the Human Resource Office, it's done right down there in the trenches by people like you. HR folks help folks like you with advice, guidance, planning and a lot of other things—but they don't manage or correct your employees. That's your job.

So, recognizing that you're the one who will have to solve this problem—what do you do? Remember—as a supervisor, you represent the company. Effectively, you are the employer of the people who work for you and have the right to expect them to be performing their assigned work during work hours—for which, you pay them. If they are doing personal things during work hours and taking your money for it, you could say that they are stealing time and, therefore, money from you. That's the hardcore perspective. Others might say that there will always be some work time wasted, whether it's longer smoke breaks, coffee breaks, water fountain breaks, toilet breaks, or just daydreaming, and the Facebook/My Space/Linked-in/Twitter time is no worse than the others.

So, back to your responsibility as a supervisor to ensure the job gets done. Is the job getting done? That will partly tell you how big a problem that you have. Is everyone carrying their load, or are those who are on the Internet (or on phone calls or texting) doing less and forcing others to make up for their wasted time.

■ Learn how big a problem you have. Observe Internet usage, time employees, monitor work accomplishment and timelines, see if your IT person has any way of monitoring Internet usage, etc.

■ Learn what the company policy is, if there is one.

■ Determine what you want your policy for your work section to be (in line with the company policy).

■ Discuss it with your boss to make sure that you will have his or her support.

■ Communicate your policy and expectations to your employees verbally and in writing. This could range from no internet whatsoever except for work-related usage, during breaks and lunchtime only, or self-monitoring and self-control.

■ Along with communicating your policy and expectations, make sure that you communicate the consequences of abuse (administrative or disciplinary action, loss of privileges).

■ Monitor your employees' compliance with your policy, either by observation, electronic monitoring by IT, or by measuring work accomplishment.

■ In those cases where your stated expectations are not met, ensure that the abusers receive the consequences that you communicated to your section.

This last point is important because what you do will be observed by your employees and will show whether you mean what you say as a supervisor. Unless the failure to comply is widespread, deal with the abusers and don't take action against all of your employees. Fair is fair. If they followed your policy, they're not the problem. Deal with the problem. If the problem is everyone and you've determined that it adversely affects your ability to accomplish your section's part of the company's reason for being, then you can have your IT team limit or shut down access through security software. Also keep in mind that Internet time wastage is only one type of time wastage. Don't concentrate solely on it. Be non-denominational in your concern for efficiency, effectiveness and the best bang for your salary bucks—monitor other time wasters, such as the excess breaks, short periods of tardiness, personal phone calls, texting, visitors, conversations between employees, absences and others.

Don't be overly aggressive or combative about confronting employees; be polite and firm—but don't be shy. Does it sound like a lot of work and high stress? Well, that's why you get paid the big bucks.

The information contained in this column is intended as general information only. Readers should obtain professional advice before taking action with respect to their individual situations. Readers may submit questions regarding human resource issues to hrsupportcnmi@gmail.com or editor@saipantribune.com.

HR MATTERS
By FRANK GIBSON
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Frank L. Gibson, SPHR, GPHR, owner of HR Support, CNMI, has been a resident of the CNMI for more than 14 years. One of the founding members of the CNMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management, he has worked both as a line-manager of human resources and in the Human Resource Office.

Nation

Pastor says he won't be pulled into 'street fight'

LITHONIA, Ga. (AP)—A megachurch pastor accused of luring four young men into sexual relationships said Sunday that he won't be pulled into a street fight over the allegations and vowed that his faith has been strengthened.

Bishop Eddie Long did not directly mention the accusations to thousands of cheering supporters during services at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in suburban Lithonia. But his remarks seemed directly addressed to his accusers.

"In times of challenge, there are several things that come out. Your faith will be strengthened or weakened," he said, to growing applause. "My faith is being strengthened."

Long told supporters at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church that he is "not going to be pulled into a street fight" and that he doesn't hate anyone. But he directed his listeners to turn to a passage in the Book of Job that read: "Those who hate you will be clothed with shame, and the tent of the wicked will be no more."

AP

In this Sept. 28, 2010 photo, traffic moves down a street as a billboard showing Bishop Eddie Long is seen above in Atlanta. The billboard near an Atlanta highway reads, "Love Like Him, Live Like Him, Lead Like Him."

As his devoted flock cheered, Long joked that he accidentally led them to the wrong page. "That was the Holy Ghost," he said, flashing a smile as the sanctuary echoed with laughter.

Long's more than hour-long sermon was greeted with thunderous applause and adoration. Several thousand parishioners flocked to the suburban Atlanta complex for the 8 a.m. service, and cars snaked in traffic for miles after it was over.

Long became one of the nation's most powerful church leaders over the past two decades, transforming a suburban Atlanta congregation of 150 into a powerhouse of 25,000 members that includes high-profile athletes, entertainers and politicians.

The bishop is a father of four who has been an outspoken opponent of gay marriage and whose church has counseled gay members to become straight. But the TV preacher's empire was threatened last month when the four men filed a civil lawsuit claiming Long abused his spiritual authority to lure them into a sexual relationship.

Two of the young men say he targeted them after they enrolled in the church's LongFellows Youth Academy, a program that taught teens about sexual, physical and financial discipline. The other two—one of whom attended a satellite church in Charlotte, N.C.—have made similar claims.

NJ school holds vigil for student who killed self

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP)—Rutgers University held a silent vigil Sunday night to remember a student who committed suicide after his sexual encounter with a man in his dormitory room was secretly streamed online.

The tribute to 18-year-old freshman Tyler Clementi drew a few hundred people, many holding candles, to the school's campus in New Brunswick.

While some area religious officials briefly addressed the crowd during the hour-long vigil, few words were spoken by the participants. Most in attendance took the time to reflect on what had happened to Clementi, sharing hugs and holding hands with others in a show if unity.

Among those attending was Rutgers student Julie Burg, who said she wanted to spread the message that help is available for students in crisis. "There are many groups anywhere you go to that could help support you," Burg told WCBS-TV in New York.

Burg was joined at the vigil by her mother, Annmarie Burg, who was saddened by the events leading to Clementi's death. "It had to take such an unfortunate incident like this to create, probably, an even larger awareness," the mother said.

Prosecutors say Clementi's roommate and another student used a webcam to broadcast on the Internet live images of Clementi having the intimate encounter.

Clementi, a promising violinist, jumped off the George Washington Bridge into the Hudson River three days later. His body was identified Thursday.

Rutgers President Richard McCormick said the vigil was an opportunity for students and staff to come together and "reaffirm our commitment to the values of civility, dignity, compassion and respect."

The vigil was the latest in a series of remembrances for Clementi at the university that included the establishment of a Facebook group, In Honor of Tyler Clementi.

On Friday, students wore black and were encouraged to leave flowers or mementoes at a makeshift memorial for Clementi. The Rutgers Glee Club marched to the memorial and performed a rendition of "Rutgers Prayer," which is traditionally sung when an important member of the Rutgers community dies or a tragedy happens at the university.

On Saturday, the school had a moment of silence for Clementi before the start of its homecoming football game against Tulane.

AP

In this Oct. 1, 2010 file photo, Rutgers University students sign condolence cards at Rutgers in New Brunswick, N.J., for the family of fellow student Tyler Clementi. Rutgers University has planned a silent vigil to remember Clementi, who committed suicide after his sexual encounter was secretly streamed online.

Emanuel says he's preparing run for Chicago mayor

CHICAGO (AP)—Former White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel announced Sunday that he's preparing to run for mayor of Chicago, a position he has said he long desired.

Emanuel

Emanuel made the announcement in a video posted Sunday on his website, ChicagoforRahm.com. He had been careful not to launch his candidacy from Washington and headed to Chicago immediately after his resignation was announced by President Barack Obama on Friday.

In the video, Emanuel said he's embarking on a "Tell It Like It Is" listening tour of Chicago.

"As I prepare to run for mayor, I'm going to spend the next few weeks visiting our neighborhoods—at grocery stores, L stops, bowling alleys, and hot dog stands," Emanuel said.

The two-minute video shows a relaxed Emanuel sitting behind a desk wearing a white shirt that's open at the collar and a dark jacket. Behind him is a photo of his family and several books.

In making the announcement in a YouTube video, Emanuel appears to be following in the online footsteps of Obama, who was successful in galvanizing support among younger voters with a strong Internet presence and near constant contact through text messages, e-mails and Facebook notes. Emanuel's website offers several options for receiving updates, including e-mail and text, and nearly 12,000 Facebook users had "liked" his page by Sunday afternoon.

Lori Goldberg, an Emanuel spokeswoman, said the online video was an attempt to reach as many people as possible. Emanuel plans to make "a more formal announcement" after the November election.

"By having the website up, it also allows people to communicate with him," Goldberg said.

Bruce Newman, professor of marketing at DePaul University, called the online announcement "a clever move."

"(Emanuel's) ability to communicate via the social media will be critical to his success," Newman said. "The voter in today's world is tuning in to a whole different level of communication."

ACROSS THE NATION

3 burned as Cessna crashes near Calif. airport

AVALON, Calif. (AP)—Authorities say a small plane has crashed near the airport on California's Santa Catalina Island, leaving three people with burn injuries and starting a small grass fire. Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor says the Cessna 310 crashed at about 3:40 p.m. Sunday near the island's airfield, Airport in the Sky. Authorities say two of the three people aboard had critical burn injuries. Los Angeles County sheriff's Capt. Mike Parker says a sheriff's rescue helicopter took all three to mainland hospitals. He had no further details on their condition. Parker says the crash started a three-acre brush fire. County firefighters were on the scene and expect to quickly contain it without calling in outside help.

Navy offers sailors online help to quit addictions

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—The Navy is teaming up with a highly regarded addiction treatment center to provide Web-based support for thousands of sailors, their families and retired personnel struggling with alcohol and drug abuse. The $3.25 million program is intended to keep sailors with addiction problems on the road to recovery and links them to support programs anywhere in the world, at anytime, even when they're deployed. It is tailored primarily to younger sailors, who are at greater risk and are comfortable navigating the Internet and social programs. It was developed in collaboration with Hazelden, a nonprofit alcohol and drug addiction treatment center based in Minnesota, and aimed at the 10,000 patients who receive primary treatment annually under the Navy's Substance Abuse and Rehabilitation Services program. While families and retired Navy also receive treatment, the majority of patients are on active duty.

Del. police: Carnival ride flips, leaving 5 hurt

MIDDLETOWN, Del. (AP)—Delaware State Police say part of a Halloween-themed carnival ride malfunctioned and flipped over, injuring five people. Three adults and two children had minor injuries after Saturday's accident at Frightland, a seasonal Halloween attraction in Middletown. Port Penn Fire Chief Frank Schoeffler says the five were treated at Christiana Hospital. Fire officials said a section of the Merry Mixer ride came loose at about 8:45 p.m. and flipped over. Frightland manager Deb Hall says the park has not had any serious problems with rides in its 14-year history. She says the rides are operated by an independent company and are inspected daily.

17 stuck on Wisconsin Ferris wheel rescued safely

RACINE, Wis. (AP)—Emergency crews in Wisconsin used a ladder truck to rescue 17 people trapped on a Ferris wheel. The ride was one of the attractions at Party on the Pavement in Racine, about 30 miles south of Milwaukee. Officials say emergency crews were called about 1 p.m. Saturday after it appeared the ride fell out of alignment and got stuck. No one was hurt, but it took about two hours to stabilize the wheel before the rescues began. Seven-year-old Nicole Wagenaar tells The Journal Times of Racine she cried a bit while she was stuck on the ride, but firefighters got her down safely. Police Chief Kurt Wahlen says the amusement ride won't move until an expert does an inspection to determine why it failed.

Asia

Pakistan: Dozens of Europeans in terror training

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Dozens of Muslim militants with European citizenship are believed to be hiding out in the lawless tribal area of northwestern Pakistan, Pakistani and Western intelligence officials say, training for missions that could include terror attacks in European capitals.

Officials have used phone intercepts and voice tracking software to track militants with ties to Britain and other European countries to areas along the Afghan border. Al-Qaida would likely turn to such extremists for a European plot because they can move freely in and out of Western cities.

Fear that such an attack is in the planning stage has prompted the U.S. State Department to advise Americans traveling in Europe to be vigilant. American and European security experts have been concerned that terrorists based in Pakistan may be plotting attacks in Europe with assault weapons, similar to the deadly 2008 shooting spree in Mumbai, India. U.S. intelligence officials believe Osama bin Laden is behind the plots.

A senior official of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence agency, or ISI, told The Associated Press that there are believed to be "several dozen" people with European citizenship—many of Pakistani origin—among the Islamic extremists operating in the lawless border area.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not supposed to talk about classified information to the media, said foreigners in the area also include Chechens, Uzbeks, Arabs and Turks, one of whom was a former F-16 pilot in the Turkish air force.

"That shows you that some of the people who are coming are very well educated," he said.

The official also said Pakistan authorities arrested four Russian jihadis who infiltrated into Pakistan along with their families. "It was very surprising for us but they come thinking this is the pure (Islamic) ideology that they are seeking," he said.

Britain's communications monitoring agency, the Government Communications Headquarters or GCHQ, estimates there are as many as 20 British-born militants in the border area, especially in the North Waziristan district that has been the focus of recent missile strikes carried out by unmanned aircraft operated by the CIA.

Mobile phone communications have been tracked from the border area to points in Britain, particularly England's Midlands, where there is a heavy Pakistani immigrant population, according to a British government official who spoke on condition of anonymity because the terror plot investigation is ongoing.

Voice-printing software enables British intelligence to identify and track specific individuals believed connected to terror plots, he said.

In addition, a spokeswoman with Germany's Federal Criminal Police Office said last week that there is "concrete evidence" that 70 people have traveled from Germany to Pakistan and Afghanistan for paramilitary training, and that about a third of them have returned to Germany.

The presence in the border areas of Islamic militants with Western connections has been known for years.

Faisal Shahzad, the Pakistani-American who confessed to the May 1 failed car-bombing in New York's Times Square, said the Pakistani Taliban trained him for the mission. Shahzad is scheduled to be sentenced Tuesday in a U.S. court.

AP

In this July 8, 2010 file photo, a Pakistani paramilitary soldier patrols a hill in Khajore Kut, an area of Pakistan's South Waziristan tribal region along the Afghan border.

Key NATO *supply route hit again in Pakistan*

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Suspected militants attacked and set fire to at least 20 tankers carrying oil for NATO and U.S. troops in Afghanistan on Monday, the third such strike inside Pakistan in as many days, police said.

The attack not far from the capital Islamabad took place on a supply line that has been stalled because of a temporary border closing imposed by Pakistani authorities to protest a NATO helicopter attack that killed three Pakistan troops last week.

It will raise the stakes in the closure, which has exacerbated tensions between Washington and Islamabad but has been welcomed by Islamist groups opposed to Pakistan's support of the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan.

Police officer Umer Hayat said three people were killed and blamed Monday's attack on "terrorists."

The attackers opened fire on trucks that were parked at a poorly guarded terminal before setting them afire, he and other officers said.

The trucks were en route or waiting to travel to the Torkham border crossing along the fabled Khyber Pass, which is used to bring fuel, military vehicles, spare parts, clothing and other non-lethal supplies for foreign troops in Afghanistan. Pakistan's other main route into landlocked Afghanistan, in Chaman in the southwest, has remained open.

While NATO and the United States have alternative supply routes into Afghanistan, the Pakistani ones are the cheapest and most convenient. Most of the coalition's non-lethal supplies are transported over Pakistani soil after being unloaded at docks in Karachi, a port city in the south.

On Friday, a day after the closure of the Khyber Pass route to NATO and US traffic, there were two attacks on oil tankers headed to the country. The Pakistani Taliban claimed responsibility for at least one of them, and vowed to launch more.

Striking now gains them more media attention than normal and adds to unease between Pakistan and the United States.

The convoys take several days to reach the border after setting off from Karachi and make frequent stops. They receive little or no protection outside the frontier region and are indistinguishable from ordinary trucks and tankers that ply Pakistani roads.

Over the past two years they often have been attacked by militants, mostly in the northwestern border region where militants are strongest.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Police arrest engineer in Indonesian train crash

PETARUKAN, Indonesia (AP)—Police arrested the engineer of a train that plowed into another at a station, killing 36 people—the latest in a string of accidents in Indonesia blamed on aging infrastructure and poor safety standards. Halik Rudianto was driving a first-class train as it crashed early Saturday into an economy-class train stopped at a station in Petarukan, a coastal city in Central Java province, knocking several carriages off the track. Transportation Minister Freddy Numberi accused him of failing to stop at a red signal—an act of negligence leading to deaths, Kompas newspaper reported Sunday.

Thailand's queen discharged from hospital

BANGKOK (AP)—Thailand's Queen Sirikit ended a four-day hospital stay Sunday after receiving treatment for what the palace said was a rapid heartbeat. A brief statement by the Royal Household Bureau said the 78-year-old queen, the wife of Thailand's constitutional monarch, was discharged from Bangkok's Chulalongkorn Hospital after doctors determined her treatment had been successful. "The doctors said the (queen's) general condition and her heart rate had become normal after the treatment," it said. "No rapid heartbeat was detected again." The queen entered the hospital on Thursday evening. An earlier statement was vague about the treatment she received.

Building, factory wall in China topple, killing 14

BEIJING (AP)—A four-story building under construction in China's northwest and a factory wall in an eastern city collapsed in separate accidents, killing at least 14 people and injuring eight others, state media said Sunday. Eight workers were killed and three others were injured when the residential building toppled Saturday in Xi'an, the capital of northwestern Shaanxi province, the official Xinhua News Agency said. More than 300 firefighters, police and medical workers were sent to the scene, it said. A community official said substandard construction material may have caused the collapse, Xinhua reported. It said police were searching for two contractors who fled the scene.

Philippines to acquire aircraft from Italy, Poland

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine air force will acquire 26 trainer and combat utility aircraft from Italy and Poland to bolster its capability to carry out anti-insurgency attacks and respond to disasters, an official said Sunday.

The underfunded Philippine military, among Asia's weakest, has been struggling for years to modernize its navy, air and ground forces, which have been battling decades-long communist and Muslim insurgencies.

Italy's Agusta will deliver four of 18 SF-260F two-seater training planes this month. The rest will be turned over in batches in the next several months, air force spokesman Lt. Col. Miguel Ernesto Okol said.

Acquired for 632 million pesos ($14.4 million) more than a year ago, the 18 SF-260Fs will ease a backlog in trainer planes, which are used to teach air force recruits basic navigational skills, formation and night flying, Okol said.

The government is finalizing a deal with Poland's Swidnik for the purchase of eight combat utility helicopters, which could be delivered as early as next year, Okol said.

Details of the deal were not immediately available.

Called Sokol or Falcon, the Swidnik helicopters will complement the air force's fleet of Vietnam War-era Huey helicopters, currently its main troop and cargo carriers, he said.

The Philippines also has begun a bid to acquire eight new attack helicopters and a C-130 cargo plane, Okol said, adding it remains unclear when a deal can be reached.

Only one C-130 plane is currently in use by the air force. Two others have been grounded for regular maintenance, he said.

An air force C-130 aircraft crashed at sea after taking off in stormy weather in southern Davao city in 2008, killing all 11 people on board.

Philippine military chief Lt. Gen. Ricardo David recently lamented the country's weak military, which he said could not even adequately patrol the Spratly Islands that it claims in the South China Sea.

With antiquated planes and ships, the Philippine military's capability in the disputed areas is "almost negligible," he said in a news conference in August.

World

Brazil's Rousseff facing runoff presidential vote

SAO PAULO (AP)—A former Marxist guerrilla chosen by Brazil's beloved leader to succeed him will face a centrist rival in a presidential runoff after failing to get enough votes to win Sunday's election outright, according to official results.

Dilma Rousseff, a 62-year-old career bureaucrat trying to become Brazil's first female president on the ruling Workers Party ticket, captured 46.8 percent of the vote but needed 50 percent to win in the first round of balloting.

Former Sao Paulo state governor Jose Serra got 32.6 percent support, while Green Party candidate Marina Silva got a surprising 19.4 percent, likely spoiling the center-left Rousseff's chance of a first-round win by syphoning off votes. The results came with 99.6 percent of the votes counted, according to Brazil's Supreme Electoral Court.

The runoff election on Oct. 31 will pit Serra against Rousseff, who analysts say will be the heavy favorite, though a series of recent scandals could hurt the ruling party candidate.

"A second round is a whole new ball game. Everything starts from zero," said Alexandre Barros, with the Early Warning political risk group in Brasilia. "I would say Dilma has a strong chance of winning a second round. But it will all depend on what new facts emerge during the campaign."

Rousseff is the personal choice of outgoing President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, universally known as Lula, who led Brazil to unparalleled economic growth, increased the nation's political clout on the global stage, and leaves office with 80 percent approval ratings, though he also needed second-round votes to win his elections in 2002 and 2006.

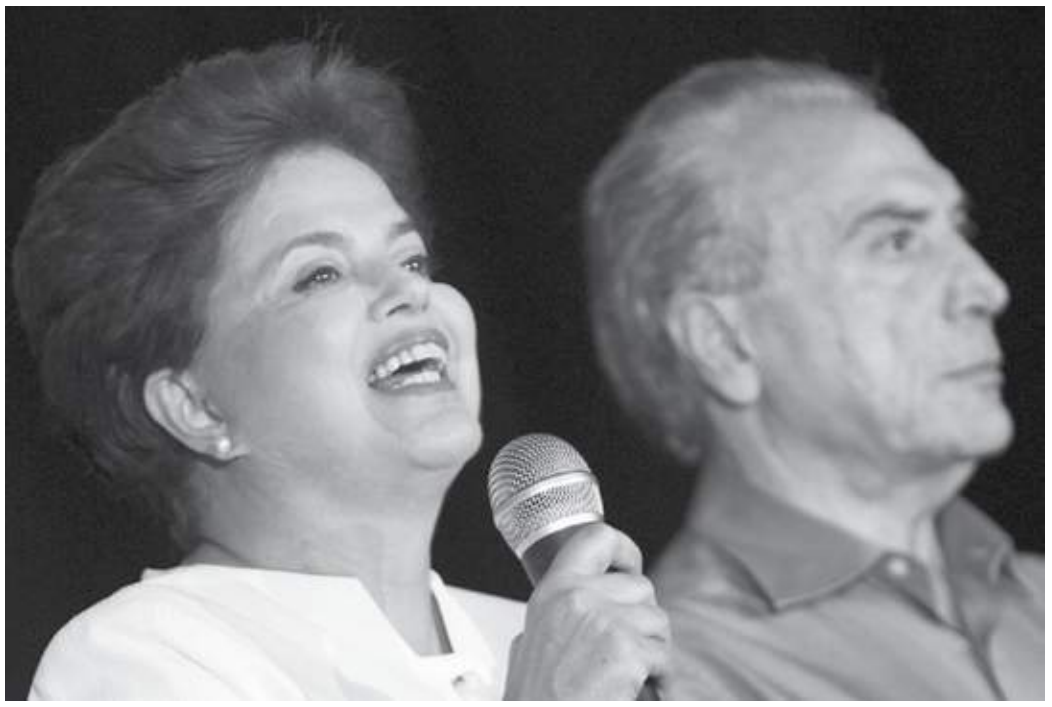
"We are used to challenges. Traditionally, we have fared well in the second round," Rousseff told supporters in Brasilia. "I'm confident that the second round will provide an important process of elucidation, of dialogue with the representatives of society."

Serra had yet to make a statement late Sunday.

Rousseff has left behind her radical rebel youth, been a pragmatic and results-oriented bureaucrat for years and has pledged to stick to the pragmatic market-friendly policy charted by Silva that have lifted millions out of poverty.

Serra is a 68-year-old from the Brazilian Social Democracy Party and former mayor and governor of Sao Paulo who was badly defeated by Silva in the 2002 election. He, too, has promised to continue the policies of Silva.

"In the last election, I voted for Lula, who has improved the lives of millions of poor and made Brazil a country respected around the world," said Maria Silveira, a 63-year-old retired teacher voting in Sao Bernardo do Campo, just outside Sao Paulo, where Silva also cast his ballot. "It only makes sense to vote for the candidate who I know will continue what he started."



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Workers Party presidential candidate Dilma Rousseff, left, speaks next to her running mate Michel Temer at a press conference in Brasilia, Brazil, Sunday Oct. 3, 2010.

Irish Nobel laureate challenges Israeli detention

JERUSALEM (AP)—Nobel peace laureate Mairead Corrigan Maguire asked Israel's Supreme Court Sunday to allow her to enter the country, five days after the outspoken critic of Israel was detained at the airport on her way to meet Jewish and Palestinian peace activists.

Maguire

Maguire's legal challenge sets the stage for a new showdown with Israel. The 66-year-old activist, who won the peace prize in 1976 for her efforts to end sectarian violence in Northern Ireland, has been barred from entering Israel because she took part in attempts to breach Israel's sea blockade of the Gaza Strip.

Maguire was detained last Tuesday when she landed at Israel's international airport as part of a human rights delegation sponsored by the Nobel Women's Initiative, a group founded in 2006 by six female peace prize winners, including Maguire.

The Israeli Supreme Court is expected to hear the case and issue a ruling on Monday. On Friday, a lower court upheld the deportation order. Israel said Maguire is banned because she has twice tried to break through Israel's naval embargo of Gaza. Maguire's lawyers contend that the Israeli deportation order against her is invalid, charging that it ignores her basic human rights—a claim immediately rejected by Israeli officials.

"She knew exactly what she was doing, and that she wouldn't receive an entry visa," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor. "She was fully conscious of her status."

He provided a Feb. 24 letter in which Israel officially turned down a request from the Nobel Women's Initiative to allow Maguire into the country, citing her involvement with a "Free Gaza" boat that tried to reach the seaside strip in June 2009. Israel's navy intercepted the ship at sea, and Maguire and some other activists on board, including former U.S. Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney, were deported.

"That expedition had nothing to do with human rights or humanitarian assistance: rather, it reinforced the iron grip on Gaza by Hamas, an internationally recognized terror group that has always stood for extremism and violence against Palestinians and Israelis alike," the Israeli letter said.

Israel has maintained a blockade of Gaza since Hamas militants violently took control of the territory in June 2007. Israel says the blockade is needed to keep the Iranian-backed Hamas, which has fired thousands of rockets into southern Israel, from building up its arsenal. Critics counter that the blockade has failed to weaken Hamas, while causing widespread misery among Gaza's 1.5 million people.

Explosion at plaza injures 15 in northern Mexico

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP)—An explosion at a plaza in northeastern Mexico injured 15 people, an attack authorities blamed Sunday on drug cartels targeting the civilian population to cause chaos.

Police believe the attackers threw a grenade Saturday night at the main square in the town of Guadalupe, but were still trying to confirm the type of explosive, said Adrian de la Garza, the director of the investigations agency of Nuevo Leon, where the town is located.

Six children, the youngest 3 years old, were among the injured, said Francisco Gonzalez, the state deputy health director. He said the injuries were not life-threatening, and most of the victims had returned home from the hospital.

It was the fourth such attack in two days in the area around the city of Monterrey, which has been reeling from a turf war between the Gulf and Zetas drug gangs.

On Friday night, three separate grenade attacks happened: near the federal courts, outside a prison and near the U.S. Consulate in Monterrey. A security guard was injured in the attack at the courts.

Nuevo Leon Attorney General Alejandro Garza y Garza said they may be revenge for recent operations against drug traffickers. He did not specify which ones, but 22 suspected drug gang members were killed in a Sept. 15 shootout with soldiers in Ciudad Mier, another town in Nuevo Leon. Last week, marines captured 30 suspected Gulf cartel members in Tamaulipas state, which borders Nuevo Leon.

"We believe this might have been an attack against the civilian population. They are trying to create chaos and anxiety in the population," Garza y Garza said.

Soldiers arrested eight suspected Zetas members in Guadalupe early Sunday, although the operation appeared unrelated to the attack on the plaza.

The soldiers were patrolling the town when they saw three cars brake suddenly and try to reverse and flee, according to the Defense Department statement. Soldiers arrested eight people and found 8 rifles and ammunition in the cars.

Although drug gangs frequently hurl grenades at police headquarters and government installations, they rarely target crowds of bystanders.

The last such major attack was two years ago, when assailants threw grenades at thousands of revelers during Independence Day celebrations in the western city of Morelia. Eight people were killed.

Still, civilians have been increasingly caught up in Mexico's bloody drug war, which has claimed more than 28,000 lives since President Felipe Calderon deployed thousands of troops and federal police to fight the cartels in December 2006.

WORLD BRIEFS

Preliminary results show Bosnians divided on vote

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP)—Preliminary election results released Sunday indicate that Bosnia's three-person presidency will remain deadlocked over the nation's future, with two leaders of the ethnically divided country advocating unity and a third pushing for the country's breakup. Some 3 million voters in a country uneasily split between Serbs, Bosniaks and Croats had the choice among 8,000 candidates for the central parliament, several regional parliaments, the Bosnian Serb presidency and the federal presidency, which is shared among the three ethnicities. With half the votes counted shortly before midnight, the Croat and Bosniak seats in the presidency were likely to be won by strong supporters of a unified Bosnia, the electoral commission said. Leading for the Serb seat was a candidate advocating separation of Bosnian Serbs from the rest of the country.

Chavez: Civilian militia should be armed full-time

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Sunday that members of the country's civilian militia should be issued weapons to be armed and ready at all times. The Bolivarian Militia is a force of volunteers ranging from students to retirees formed in recent years by Chavez, who says it is a crucial component of the nation's defenses. Until now, members of the militia have regularly trained at weekend boot camps, but their guns have usually been locked away in military depots when not in use.

Nigeria: Police name suspects in dual car bombings

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP)—Nigeria's federal police force named two men Sunday night as the "masterminds" behind the bombings that struck the West African nation's capital during its independence celebrations. Meanwhile, a lawyer in South Africa confirmed that an ex-leader of the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta, the group that claimed responsibility for the Friday attack, faces a terrorism charge over his alleged involvement in the plot. Federal police spokesman Emmanuel Ojukwu in a statement named the two men as Ben Jessy and Chima Orlu. He offered no further details about the two Nigerian men, other than warning the public that harboring them would be a criminal offense.

Focus

Amid games chaos, India is still a rising power

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AP

Fireworks go off during the opening ceremony for the 19th Commonwealth Games at the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium in New Delhi, India, Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010.

NEW DELHI (AP)—The British empire's athletes first gathered 80 years ago, facing one another in friendly competitions as a way to bind together the king's vast dominions.

It was 1930, a time when India was the jewel in the colonial crown, when the subcontinent was ruled by a small corps of English bureaucrats. The competition was known as the Empire Games, though even then, the empire had begun to fade.

Today, with India on the eve of opening what is now called the Commonwealth Games, that world is barely a memory. There are times when the former colonial subject speaks of its one-time master with barely hidden condescension.

"Look, Britain has a very old heritage," said Zafar Iqbal, once one of India's greatest field hockey players and now a powerful figure in the country's sports community. "But the British empire is gone. ... Now there is just the games."

India's preparations for the New Delhi games have become an international embarrassment, with filthy athletes' housing, a collapsed pedestrian bridge, security worries, corruption accusations and an outbreak of dengue fever. Even if the games pass uneventfully after Sunday's opening ceremonies, the chaos of India's last-minute efforts will have deeply scarred this country's reputation.

But it won't change the modern political equation—that India is increasingly becoming a power to be reckoned with and Britain is slowly moving further into the background. The comparison is particularly glaring when it comes to money.

India has one of the world's fastest-growing economies, roaring along at nearly 9 percent, while Britain is only slowly emerging from a brutal recession. An Indian conglomerate–Tata—is one of Britain's largest manufacturers and owns some of the country's most cherished brands, including Jaguar and Land Rover.

Five years ago, Britain was the 5th largest exporter to India. Today, it is the 18th. Exports to India dropped from $6.4 billion in 2008 to $4.5 billion in 2009.

When British Prime Minister David Cameron flew to India this summer with a huge entourage, seeking increased trade to help boost the economy, Britain's Daily Telegraph heralded his trip by noting it "confirms the uncomfortable truth that we now need our former colony more than it needs us."

So does much of the rest of the Commonwealth, the group of 54 nations that evolved from the British empire.

Brian Stoddart, an Australia-based authority on international development and sports, noted that much of the loudest criticism of India's games preparations died down after just a few days—something he sees as a reflection of how countries knew they could not afford to anger India.

Commonwealth countries such as Canada and New Zealand "need India in the broader economic and development front," he said. "Everybody needs India over the next 20, 40, 50 years."

Certainly the days are gone when the countries of the old empire looked toward London for all guidance.

"We have a neighbor like China, which has organized the Olympics, ... which to my mind is far more relevant," said Pavan Varma, a writer and the Indian ambassador to the Himalayan nation of Bhutan. "The Commonwealth was a somewhat harmless and partially benevolent consequence of the empire. But it has had its time."

India's dreams for the games had more to do with Beijing than London.

China and India are the world's two most populous countries, the two emerging economic giants and among Asia's dominant political powers. They are also intense rivals, with India anxious to match China's immense economic and political clout.

Beijing's success with the 2008 Olympics, made India even more anxious. A successful Commonwealth Games, New Delhi knew, could pave the way for a successful Olympic application.

"It's all about the rivalry with China," said Ramachandra Guha, a well-known Indian historian. India asked itself: "Can we put on a spectacular show the way the Chinese did? Are we capable of passing the test? That's the question."

By most measures, India appears to have failed. Olympic organizers detest scandals, and the New Delhi Commonwealth Games have been awash in trouble.

But on Thursday, Suresh Kalmadi, who as head of the local organizing committee has come under intense criticism for the problems, said his sights were still set on the Olympics.

"The biggest legacy (of the Commonwealth Games) is the Olympics," he told the Hindustan Times. "This is our opportunity."

It is a long way from the days of empire, when sports were first seen as a way for British colonials to escape, even for a moment, the pressures of their work and the Indians all around them.

Eventually, the rulers developed a theory that sports could be used to tie Indians to Britain. They used the most British of games as the informal syllabus, calling it "The Empire of Cricket."

A century or so later, more Indians play cricket than the entire population of Britain, and India has launched a new international cricket league that is making enormous profits.

As a result, many observers believe the center of the cricketing world may soon move. To India.

Crisis-plagued Commonwealth Games get hit again

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NEW DELHI (AP)—The crisis-plagued Commonwealth Games took another hit Sunday only hours before they were declared open when an Indian team official who had been living at the athletes' village was diagnosed with dengue fever.

Ruptu Gogoi, a 30-year-old official with the lawn bowls team, was admitted to the GB Pant hospital in New Delhi on Saturday night and was said to have the disease Sunday. He is the first person affiliated with the games to contract the illness.

"I can confirm he has dengue fever, but his condition is now stable," hospital spokesman Dr. Rajiv Saigol told The Associated Press, adding that Gogoi could be discharged Monday evening.

Dengue fever, a painful illness that can be life-threatening, is a viral disease that spreads through mosquito bites. It has become an issue in the Indian capital this year because of the extended monsoon season, which increased the amount of stagnant water around the city.

The athletes' village, which some described as uninhabitable late last month, was said to have pools of water nearby as workers struggled to get things finished on time. The unhygienic conditions at the village even prompted several teams to delay their departures to India until things improved.

It was not immediately clear if Gogoi contracted the disease at the village or before moving in.

About 3,500 cases of dengue fever have been reported in New Delhi this year, and seven of the afflicted have died, the Press Trust of India reported.

Despite the latest setback, the opening ceremony at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium went ahead without trouble as thousands of dancers and musicians entertained the crowd and the teams paraded in.

Prince Charles spoke on behalf of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, who did not make the trip to India for the games. He read a message from the British monarch and declared the games open.

AP

A police commando stands guard during the opening ceremony for the 19th Commonwealth Games outside the Jawaharlal Nehru stadium in New Delhi, India, Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010.

Indian President Pratibha Patil then spoke and finished by saying, "Let the games begin."

Outside the stadium, the usually packed streets of the city were mostly deserted after the government ordered businesses and markets to close down for the day—all part the organizing committee's security plan.

International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge, speaking to India's Times Now news channel, said the tight security in New Delhi was tough but fair. About 100,000 police and military personnel have been deployed in the Indian capital for the games.

"What I saw is definitely a good security with a lot of discipline very well applied, but also a kind one," said Rogge, who attended the opening ceremony. "It's not oppressive, it's not intrusive, and you know that these people are working for your own security."

Rogge even gave embattled local organizers some hope, saying a successful games would be a "very good foundation stone to think about the possible candidature" for the Olympics.

The Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, only the second to be staged in Asia, have also been plagued by other problems, including corruption allegations and construction delays. A footbridge near the main stadium collapsed late last month, injuring dozens of construction workers.

The problems have led to the withdrawal of some athletes, while for other reasons some high-profile names have also pulled out, including Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt and Australian swimmer Stephanie Rice.

But despite the notable absentees, the athletes who did make the trip to India are eager to get going.

"The Commonwealth Games for me are the highlight of my career and what I want to achieve," England swimmer Ross Davenport said. "It's the second major games to the Olympics, it's the second major championships we'll ever do. It's great to be a part of it."

Swimming starts Monday, and there will be five gold medal races in the evening. Gymnastics and weightlifting also have medal events on the opening day of competition.

Also, the Gandhi Peace Foundation reportedly wrote a letter to Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to complain that Commonwealth Games organizing committee officials desecrated a memorial to spiritual and independence leader Mohandas K. Gandhi by wearing shoes where they weren't supposed to during the baton relay. Saturday was a holiday in India to celebrate the birth of Gandhi.

The Indian Express reported that the foundation is demanding an inquiry. The organizing committee would not comment on the story.

This year's games brings together more than 6,000 athletes and officials from 71 countries and territories in the commonwealth of the former British empire.

"It's exciting and there is a great buzz around the village," Australia chef de mission Steve Moneghetti said. "This is a spectacular moment in Indian sport."

Overdrive

The 2011 V6 Mustang has a sexy new look.
MCT

2011 Mustang's V-6 is hardly trading down

By BARRY SPYKER
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

Even my son once scoffed when I suggested that the economical and environmentally conscious can still live the pony car dream. Get the Ford Mustang with the V-6, I told him, and while it may be underpowered, you can still enjoy the classic tradition that is Mustang.

"Ha! That's a chick car," my son retorted. "Only girls drive those."

Well, no more, my boy. Ford, after redesigning inside and out last year, has introduced a pair of new Mustang engines for 2011, and the new V-6 is nothing to scoff about. The 3.7-liter has a stable of 305 horses—that's 95 more hp than last year's forgettable V-6 and just 10 horses shy of last year's V-8.

It even growls enough for Motor Trend to call it, unapologetically, a "muscle car."

Now no one here is comparing it to Ford's new 412-hp V-8, but the V-6 does conjure up 280 pound-feet of torque this year (40 more than last) and that's sufficient for some serious screeching.

It looks good, sounds good and moves good enough for even GT lovers to give it a look.

The V-6 has an aluminum block to cut down on weight, variable valve timing and dual overhead camshafts. All that spells a zero-to-60 acceleration at just over 5 seconds and a reported quarter-mile of 13.7 seconds.

Power comes through the rear wheels and is regulated with either a six-speed manual or six-speed automatic (no paddle shifters available). Manual shifting is nothing short of superb, with its small box and fluid motion.

I drove a Performance White Metallic tester which caused me to look away sometimes from its reflection of the bright Florida sun. But it sizzled when it came to brisk corners, taking them flat and with confident grip. It helps to get the Performance Package, with GT suspension, brakes, 19-inch wheels and Pirellis.

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Base Price: $25,845
As tested: $28,865

I found it more nimble than ever, handling corners smoother than some of those other muscle guys. The new electric-assisted power steering is wonderfully responsive.

And check out the EPA mileage figures: 19 city, 29 highway with the manual. That's a boost from the 16/24 from last year. Yes, you'll have to behave to achieve those figures, but they are numbers that do suggest a compromise between mean and green.

Speaking of fuel, the Mustang gets the easy capless filler system; no gas cap. Nice feature.

The 'stang maintains its screaming good looks but can be complemented with an appearance package that features dark 18-inch wheels, slightly different rear and a billet grille. All for around a grand.

Having reworked the inside last model year, there's not much new to discuss there. But remember that it was an improvement in materials and maintains that cool retro look, including the two large, round dials behind the wheel.

Seats are comfortable and accommodate four, but back-seat riders will be as happy as they were in the '60s. There was never enough leg room in old Mustang. It's improved, but at 6 foot 1, I wouldn't want to sit back there now either.

Rear headrests now fold down when not in use and make for better visibility out the rear window.

Trunk space is decent at 12.3 cubic feet—but less than 10 in the convertible. Pack light, leave the kids with the folks and use the back seat for extra stowage.

Front-seat air bags, ABS and stability control are standard on Mustangs. And crash tests brought a five-star rating for Mustang's coupe as well as the ragtop for both frontal and side-impact collisions.

The base V-6 Stanger gets 17-inch wheels, cruise control, limited slip diff, keyless entry and full-power accessories. Opt for the V-6 Premium, as tested, and you get leather inside, power seats, color-adjustable gauges and a Shaker 500 stereo.

Beyond the Performance package, options include a Comfort package and an Electronics package that offers a navigation system, automatic climate control and other goodies.

Ford says the V-6 Mustang is the first ever to offer 30 mph (with automatic tranny) in a 300-plus hp vehicle. That's one reason to consider it, but that's just part of it.

The real reason, if you're anything like me, is that the new V-6 Mustang lets you have it all: the classic looks and stance, guts and some growl, and all with a sensible V-6 that you can feel good about.

UNDER THE HOOD

An errant spark can cause engine to sputter

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QUESTION: I'm hoping you can help me with what seems to be an ongoing problem. My 2004 Lincoln LS has begun to sputter and stumble again. It previously had this problem and replacement of two ignition coils fixed it, at least for a while.

I've searched the Web, and according to quite a few forums, these coils seem to be a big problem. Can you explain what is happening and what I can do about it so my car will be enjoyable and reliable to drive in the future? —J.H.

ANSWER: Your Lincoln, and its Thunderbird sibling equipped with the 3.9 liter V-8 engine, utilize an individual ignition coil attached directly atop each spark plug. This arrangement, known as "coil on plug," is found on most newer engine designs, as it's efficient and reliable. Each ignition coil is triggered at a precise time by an ignition control module or by the powertrain control module, or engine control computer.

Ignition coils, regardless of type or location, convert the vehicle's 14 volts to as much as 50,000 volts in order to reliably jump the spark plugs. Making the spark is fairly easy; delivering it without leakage to the spark plug is the tricky part.

The directly coupled coil-on-plug design eliminates the need for spark plug wires, which is a huge reliability improvement. But spark leakage can still occur. Sometimes the ignition spark punches through the coil's plastic housing and finds ground, either internally or externally, to engine metal.

And on many overhead cam engines, that engine metal is very close to the rubber insulating boot surrounding the coil-spark plug connection, as the spark plugs are deeply recessed in a metal tube. The rubber boot can develop a split or tiny tear as a result of periodic removal. It also can become degraded as by a leaky coil cover, coil seal or valve cover seal allows moisture or engine oil to sneak into the spark plug well. Then the spark could sneak out to the metal tube or the spark plug's metal casing.

Ford has issued several technical service bulletins addressing concerns about moisture or oil buildup in the spark plug wells on the 3.9-liter engine. In addition to extending warranty coverage on the ignition coils to 10 years or 100,000 miles, they've named several fixes to be implemented. If you haven't received notification from them, check with your Lincoln dealer or call Ford's Customer Relationship Center at 1-866-436-7332.

Your Lincoln is somewhat prone to water dripping onto the ignition coil covers as a result of a leaky windshield wiper motor bracket seal, and revised coil covers are supposed to further protect the coils from moisture intrusion.

I'd push hard to have all eight ignition coils renewed under the extended warranty, whether or not they've failed. Then I'd have them stress-tested at 9 years or 99,000 miles—before the warranty expires—to insure they're good to go for the long haul. I have a hunch there's more to this story that's yet to play out.

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Life & Style

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A Palestinian waiter serves a beer during the first day of the Taybeh Oktoberfest festival in the West Bank town of Taybeh, near Ramallah, Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010.

Israeli Jews celebrate Palestinian Oktoberfest

DIAA HADID
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TAYBEH, West Bank (AP)—This Palestinian village celebrates Oktoberfest each year even though it's a tiny Christian enclave in a Muslim-majority area, under Israeli occupation.

But on Saturday, Israeli Jews were among those sipping the signature, honey-colored Palestinian beer, providing an unlikely sight after years of forced separation at the height of Israeli-Palestinian fighting.

Held in the tiny Christian village of Taybeh—the name of the village, and the beer, means "tasty" in Arabic—the two-day beer festival attracted thousands of Palestinians, as well as revelers from as far as the U.S. and Japan, and as close as Israel.

After the years of violence, the chance to mingle over a beer was a welcome change for some.

"Normally I go to demonstrations. It's nice to drink beer instead," said Natasha Dudinski, a 43-year-old Israeli from Jerusalem who as a pro-Palestinian peace activist has attended weekly protests for years.

Jewish families used to flock to Palestinian villages on weekends for cheap shopping and tasty food. Those trips disappeared a decade ago after the Palestinians launched a violent uprising against Israel's occupation of the West Bank.

But Israeli counterterrorism measures and a Palestinian crackdown on lawlessness have led to a dramatic drop in violence, making the West Bank safer and more prosperous than it has been in years.

Despite the improved security, Israelis have yet to return en masse. Organizers said their numbers were increasing, but there were still only a few dozen in a crowd expected to top 10,000 people.

Some Palestinians said they were offended by Israelis enjoying their beer festival after the Palestinians were forced to suffer from years of Israeli checkpoints and surrounding Jewish settlements.

Others, however, were cautiously welcoming.

"If they come as guests, carrying an olive branch in their hands, they are welcome," said Omar Dahdal, a 40-year-old village resident.

But once the beer started flowing, it seemed to wash away any concerns.

"Cheers! Let's toast to peace!" said Nadim Khoury, the town's 52-year-old U.S.-educated mayor.

Patrons, most of them Christians, clutched their $3 half-liter beers under a hot, sunny sky as the smell of grilled meat wafted through the air and Arabic music blared. Khoury said he expected guests to guzzle some 10,000 liters of beer.

The Taybeh festivities are a world away from the Gaza Strip—the other area Palestinians want for their future state—where Islamic Hamas rulers ban booze, force women to dress conservatively and separate men and women in public.

Palestinian Muslims in the West Bank are also conservative and widely disapprove of alcohol. Seeking to mollify their neighbors, organizers billed the Oktoberfest in Arabic as a two-day sale of traditional produce like olive oil, colorful embroidery and honey—with a little beer sold on the side. Even the Muslim district governor Leila Ghanem, a 35-year-old woman who wears an Islamic headscarf, didn't blink as she formally opened the festival, hailing it as a celebration of traditional Palestinian handicrafts.

While there are tentative signs that life in the West Bank is returning to normal, fear of another flare-up is never far from peoples' minds. On Saturday, recently restarted Israeli-Palestinian peace talks seemed once again in danger of collapse.

Despite the problems, the sight of so many different people mingling over a beer in the village is still inspiring, said Dalal Khalil, a 37-year-old Syrian-American from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

She and her sister planned their Mideast travels to coincide with the festival after they read about it on an Arab-American blog. "It was the coolest thing I've ever heard," said Khalil, sipping Taybeh with her sister. "I thought it would be cool to help bring about peace in the Middle East one beer at a time."

Flotilla ship is setting for anti-Israel movie

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—A Turkish protest ship that was the scene of bloodshed during Israel's raid on a Gaza-bound aid flotilla is now the setting of an anti-Israeli film.

Part of a movie is being filmed on board the Mavi Marmara, where Israeli troops clashed in May with pro-Palestinian activists trying to breach the blockade in Gaza, said Salih Bilici, a spokesman for the Turkish Islamic charity that sponsored the flotilla, told The Associated Press on Sunday.

The movie "Valley of the Wolves—Palestine" is a spinoff from the controversial but highly popular TV drama series "Valley of the Wolves," which tells the story of a nationalist undercover agent assigned to kill state enemies. The series sparked a diplomatic row between Turkey and Israel this year after one episode showed Israeli security forces kidnapping children and shooting old men.

This time, the hero Polat Alemdar and his team are given the task of hunting down the raid's military commander and planner, a fictional character called Mose Ben Eliezer, according to the film's website.

"Mose destroys villages, kills children and throws everyone who helps Polat into prison," it says.

In Israel, Deputy Foreign Minister Danny Ayalon and Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor declined comment because they had not seen the film. "Israel hasn't seen the show and will not comment on something we have no direct knowledge of," Palmor said.

No one was available at the Pana production company Sunday.

In January, Ayalon summoned the Turkish ambassador to complain about "Valley of the Wolves," forcing the envoy to sit on a low sofa. Turkey was outraged and demanded an apology.

Bilici said the crew was currently filming an enactment of the raid aboard the Mavi Marmara. It shows activists performing early morning prayers when an Israeli helicopter approaches and soldiers rappel on board and shoot at them, Bilici said.

Radvanovksy triumphs in Toronto "Aida"

TORONTO (AP)—This is definitely not your pharaoh's "Aida."

The new production by Tim Albery that opened the Canadian Opera Company's season Saturday afternoon isn't set in ancient Egypt as Verdi and his librettists intended. Instead, it's been updated to our own century and set in the palace of a king whose high priest, Ramfis, wears sunglasses and a business suit.

The Triumphal Scene has no elephants, no camels—not even a Triumphal March, really. Instead, it's depicted as the heroine's nightmare in which Egyptian soldiers coldly shoot wounded Ethiopian warriors in the head. The Nile Scene takes place nowhere near the banks of a river, but in a palace storeroom filled with unused junk. This pointless tinkering might not matter so much except that for a while it threatens to sabotage the main attraction: the first performance of the title role by Sondra Radvanovsky. In recent years, the American soprano has become a noted Verdi specialist, a breed that seems to be all but extinct. That she survives this production, and even triumphs in the end, is testament indeed to her talent.

When first we see Aida, a captured Ethiopian slave, she is pushing a mop across the floor, wearing a plain blue dress with pleated skirt and a baggy white sweater. In other words, she is made to look as dowdy as possible, and she spends most of the first two acts cringing uncomfortably off to one side.

AP

In this undated publicity image released by the Canadian Opera Company, Scott Hendricks as Amonasro, right, and Sondra Radvanovsky performs the title role in the Canadian Opera Company's production of "Aida," in Toronto.

In Act 3 she finally gets to strip off that sweater, and when she launches into the great aria, "O patria mia" ("O, my country") her performance takes off. It's like a master class in outstanding Verdi singing—strong, supple phrasing, admirable breath control, powerful high notes, ravishing pianissimos. Radvanovsky's voice has a distinctive shimmering quality caused by a rapid vibrato that may not be to everyone's taste. At full volume the sound can turn steely, though it seldom becomes harsh. But she is an artist of rare gifts at a time when many Verdi heroines are almost impossible to cast.

The COC provided good support for its star. As Aida's lover, the Egyptian warrior Radames, Australian tenor Rosario La Spina got off to a rocky start with the treacherous aria, "Celeste Aida." But he soon recovered and used his warm, beefy voice well, giving an ardent, sensitively phrased performance.

The jealous princess Amneris, who wants Radames for herself, is a plum role for a powerhouse mezzo-soprano—even if in this production she is reduced to an Imelda Marcos wannabe with dozens of pairs of shoes in her closet. American mezzo Jill Grove sang fiercely and with impressive volume, especially in the Judgment Scene when she curses the priests who condemn Radames to death for treason.

Aida's father, the Ethiopian king Amonasro, was sung by American baritone Scott Hendricks. Except for the fact that he looked several years younger than Aida, he gave a persuasive performance, filling the house with vigorous, virile sound. The veteran Canadian bass Phillip Ens brought gravitas and menace to the role of Ramfis.

The company's music director, Johannes Debus, conducted the orchestra, which played with spirit but frequently ran ahead of the singers.

The loud ovations that greeted cast and conductor quickly turned to boos when Albery and the rest of his team came out for their curtain call. None of them looked particularly surprised by the audience's reaction.

Fans befriend 'Social Network' with $23M debut

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Movie fans are spending some face time with a story about the founders of Facebook.

"The Social Network," director David Fincher's drama about the quarrelsome creation of the online juggernaut, debuted as the No. 1 weekend film with $23 million.

Distributor Sony hopes for a long shelf life for the film, which has earned Academy Awards buzz and rave reviews. Rory Bruer, Sony's head of distribution, said "The Social Network" has a good shot at becoming a $100 million hit.

"It really is a great start for us. This is a movie that is resonating everywhere. The reviews are the best I've seen at our studio in my career," Bruer said. "It's just one of those movies that critics and audiences alike are embracing, and I think it's going to have a tremendous life."

AP

In this publicity file image released by Columbia Pictures, from left, Andrew Garfield, Joseph Mazzello, Jesse Eisenberg and Patrick Maple are shown in a scene from "The Social Network." Movie fans are spending some face time with a story about the founders of Facebook.

The weekend's other new wide releases had weak starts. Paramount's horror flick "Case 39," starring Renee Zellweger, opened at No. 7 with $5.35 million, while Overture Film's vampire tale "Let Me In," based on the novel "Let the Right One In," debuted at No. 8 with $5.3 million.

The Warner Bros. animated adventure "Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole," held up well, retaining the No. 2 spot in its second weekend with $10.9 million and raising its total to $30 million.

The previous weekend's top earner, 20th Century Fox's "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps," slipped to third place with $10.1 million, lifting its total to $35.9 million.

"The Social Network" traces the history of Facebook from Harvard University, where computer whiz Mark Zuckerberg (Jesse Eisenberg) and best friend Eduardo Saverin (Andrew Garfield) launched the site, through its meteoric rise with 500 million members and a stock value in the billions.

The film also follows the nasty legal fight as Zuckerberg faces lawsuits by Saverin, who says he was cheated out of millions, and three other students who claim he stole the idea from them.

Justin Timberlake co-stars as Napster founder Sean Parker. Facebook has called the film "fiction" about its founder, the notoriously private Zuckerberg.

With 55 percent of the audience 25 or older, the film joined other adult dramas now driving the box office, including the "Wall Street" sequel and Ben Affleck's "The Town," the Warner Bros. thriller that was No. 4 with $10 million, with a three-week total of $64.3 million.

"These are all examples of what were thought to be a dead genre. We had a number of adult dramas that didn't do any business, and now all of a sudden we've got a whole crop of them that aren't doing huge numbers, but they are dominating the box office," said Paul Dergarabedian, box-office analyst at Hollywood.com.

Overall business was down, with domestic movie revenues totaling $97 million, off 9 percent from the same weekend last year, when "Zombieland" led with $24.7 million, according to Hollywood.com.

Studios are banking on its wave of dramas for older crowds to carry the business until an onslaught of family flicks, big comedies and action tales arrives in November and December.

"There's a lot of choice, and I think they're all good. So I'm kind of excited that we've got quality films that can get us through October and into the holiday season," said Chris Aronson, head of distribution at 20th Century Fox.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Hollywood.com. Final figures will be released Monday.

1. **"The Social Network,"** $23 million.
2. **"Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole,"** $10.9 million.
3. **"Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps,"** $10.1 million.
4. **"The Town,"** $10 million.
5. **"Easy A,"** $7 million.
6. **"You Again,"** $5.6 million.
7. **"Case 39,"** $5.35 million.
8. **"Let Me In,"** $5.3 million.
9. **"Devil,"** $3.7 million.
10. **"Alpha and Omega,"** $3 million.

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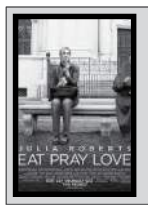

Eat, Pray, Love
Friday 4:00 7:00 9:40
Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:40
Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00
Mon through Thurs 4:00 7:00
Julia Roberts, James Franco
Drama • Rated PG 13
Synopsis
A woman who once made it her goal in life to marry and rear a family finds her priorities suddenly shifting in director Ryan Murphy's adaptation of author Elizabeth Gilbert's best-selling memoir. In the eyes of many, Gilbert was a woman who had it all—a loving husband, a great apartment, and a weekend home—but sometimes one realizes too little too late that they haven't gotten what they truly wanted from life.

Sa'yo Lamang
Friday 4:15 7:15 9:50
Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:50
Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15
Mon through Thurs 4:15 7:15
Lorna Tolentino, Christopher de Leon
Drama • Rated NR
Synopsis
The story of Sa'yo Lamang movie revolves around Dianne Alvero (Bea Alonzo) who was left with the responsibility of taking care of her siblings played by Coby (Coco Martin), James (Enchong Dee) and Lisa (Miles Ocampo). When their father (Christopher de Leon) comes back, she finds it difficult to forgive him. Will love, faith and forgiveness prevail during the most trying times in their life?

Legend Of The Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole
Friday 4:20 7:20 9:30
Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:30
Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20
Mon through Thurs 4:20 7:20
Sam Neil, Geoffrey Rush
Fantasy, Action • Rated PG

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps
Friday 4:10 7:10 9:45
Saturday 1:10 4:10 7:10 9:45
Sunday 1:10 4:10 7:10
Mon through Thurs 4:10 7:10
Michael Douglas, Shia LeBeouf
Drama • Rated PG 13

You Again
Friday 4:05 7:05 9:35
Saturday 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:35
Sunday 1:05 4:05 7:05
Mon through Thurs 4:05 7:05
Jamie Lee Curtis, Sigourney Weaver
Comedy • Rated PG

Alpha And Omega
Friday 4:25 7:25
Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25
Sunday 1:25 4:25
Mon through Thurs 4:25
Justin Long, Christina Ricci
Children's, Family • Rated PG

The Town
Friday 9:55
Saturday 9:55
Sunday 7:25
Mon through Thurs 7:25
Ben Affleck, Rebecca Hall
Crime • Rated R

Resident Evil: Afterlife
Friday 4:30 7:30 10:00
Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 10:00
Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30
Mon through Thurs 4:30 7:30
Mila Jovovich, Ali Larter
Action, Horror • Rated R
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Chicago Symphony director withdraws, cites illness

CHICAGO (AP)—The Chicago Symphony Orchestra announced Sunday that music director Riccardo Muti is withdrawing from the rest of his fall residency because of illness, but officials hope he'll be back this winter.

The Italian conductor is suffering from "extreme gastric distress" and has to fly back to Milan to consult with his doctors, according to a statement from the CSO Association.

Muti, 69, was scheduled to conduct fall concerts from Sept. 19 to Oct. 17, return for a winter series Feb. 3 through Feb. 19, and then conduct two sequences of spring concerts between April 7 and May 14. A New York tour is scheduled from April 15 through April 17.

"I have had the privilege of making marvelous music together with this great Orchestra, and I am confident that we will continue to do so when I return again," Muti said in the statement. "I want to thank the Chicago public that has given me such a warm welcome, one that I have felt in my heart. This has touched me very deeply."

The orchestra hopes that Muti will be able to return for the rest of his residency, orchestra spokeswoman Raechel Alexander said.

Illness forced Muti to miss Saturday night's annual Symphony Ball. The orchestra performed the sold-out show without a fill-in conductor. Guest soloist Anne-Sophie Mutter assisted in conducting while she was playing, her first performance with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in nearly 20 years.

Most of the programming for the remaining performances in the orchestra's fall schedule are unchanged, and other conductors will step in for Muti, the orchestra said.

Muti's open rehearsal of works by Mexican composers with the Civic Orchestra of Chicago has been postponed. A new date hasn't yet been set, Alexander said.

The rehearsal was to be part of Muti's outreach efforts in Chicago's predominantly Mexican-American Pilsen neighborhood. The first half of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's season will be studded with Mexican-composed and -inspired pieces.

Muti first conducted the orchestra when he was in his 30s, and his return to the city had been highly anticipated. He referenced his earlier stint with the orchestra during an interview with The Associated Press earlier this year.

"Then, you had a young man, and now I hope you won't get the ruins," he said, laughing. "But I think I am like the best Italian wine—with the age, it becomes better."

ABC's 'My Generation' dumped after second telecast

NEW YORK (AP)—After just two airings, "My Generation" is the fall TV season's second casualty.

ABC pulled the plug on the new drama after Thursday's little-watched episode drew even fewer viewers than the premiere a week earlier.

Staged in the form of a documentary, "My Generation" focused on a group of young people 10 years out of the high school they attended together.

There was no immediate announcement of a replacement for the series.

Its axing followed word earlier last week that Fox had dumped its new drama "Lone Star" after only two airings.

The fall prime-time season began two weeks ago.

Comic strips turn pink for breast cancer awareness

NEW YORK (AP)—The Sunday funnies will be in shades of pink ink on Oct. 10 in support of breast cancer awareness month.

King Features Syndicate Inc. said Sunday that more than 50 cartoonists will participate. Each comic strip will also feature a pink ribbon for breast cancer awareness with the tag line, "Cartoonists Care." The pink strips will run in newspapers nationwide and online.

Participating strips include Blondie, Zits, Dennis the Menace, Family Circus, Hagar the Horrible, Mother Goose & Grimm, Mallard Fillmore, Beetle Bailey, Dustin and The Pajama Diaries.

A gallery of the pink strips will be displayed on a ComicsGoPink website, where donations to seven breast cancer organizations will be accepted.

Rapper TI, wife raise money for Alzheimer's

ATLANTA (AP)—Facing fallout from a recent arrest, T.I. raised money on Sunday for his family's new Alzheimer's disease charity and explained how the idea for it took shape during a previous period of legal trouble.

The rapper, whose real name is Clifford Harris Jr., and his wife, Tameka "Tiny" Cottle, held a luncheon for the foundation called "For The Love Of Our Fathers," which honors their fathers' battles with Alzheimer's disease.

The Grammy winner would not talk about his arrest last month on suspicion of drug offenses, but said the inspiration for the foundation came in the aftermath of his 2007 arrest on weapons charges.

"It's very, very personally close to our family," said T.I., who served seven months in prison for the firearms offenses. "And while I was, you know, while I was going through my ... period of hiatus, Tameka had the idea of ... starting this foundation. And I thought it was an outstanding idea."

Cottle's father, Charles Pope, has Alzheimer's, an irreversible neurological disorder that causes its victims to lose their memory, become disoriented and suffer personality changes.

AP

Grammy award winning artist Clifford "TI" Harris, left, poses for media with his wife Tameka "Tiny" Harris, right, during an Alzheimers "For the Love of Our Fathers" foundation honoree luncheon at the Luckie Lounge Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010, in Atlanta.

No cure is known. T.I. said his father and grandmother also had the disease when they died.

The couple said the charity will raise funds for disease research and possibly offer relief to caregivers.

Nicknamed the "King of the South," T.I. has sold millions of albums and created the hits "Whatever You Like" and "U Don't Know Me." He recently stared in "Takers," a movie about an armored car robbery gone wrong, and is working on a new album.

But his career has been threatened by legal trouble. In 2007, he was caught trying to buy semiautomatic weapons on his way to a BET Awards show. Still on supervised release for that offense, T.I. was arrested last month in Los Angeles and accused of drug offenses.

A federal probation officer in Atlanta alleges that T.I. violated the terms of his supervised release by possessing codeine, marijuana and Ecstasy, testing positive for opiates and associating with a convicted felon. The rap star would not discuss the arrest Sunday.

"We're not going to talk much except for Alzheimer's," he said

Fox News objects to AP story on lawsuit

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fox News Network objected Friday that it wasn't given an opportunity to comment on a discrimination lawsuit filed against the network by the federal government before The Associated Press published its initial story on the federal action.

The AP distributed a five-paragraph article Thursday reporting that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission was suing the network for allegedly retaliating against one of its reporters who made accusations of age and sex discriminations.

That initial AP story did not include Fox News comment. The AP made a number of attempts by telephone to reach a Fox News spokesperson with several of the calls reaching voicemail.

It is AP's routine practice not to delay reporting news just because a source cannot immediately be reached for comment. The AP continued seeking comment from Fox by e-mail.

Shortly after the story appeared, Fox News spokeswoman Dana Klinghoffer said that it shouldn't have published without comment from the news channel. When an AP editor asked her for a comment to be included in an updated version, the spokeswoman refused, saying it was being given to a competing media outlet and AP could get it from them.

The updated AP story, distributed about 90 minutes after the original version, included the statement that Fox News was refusing to comment.

On Friday, Klinghoffer demanded a correction to the Thursday story, maintaining the AP incorrectly stated that Fox News declined to comment. But the network still refused to provide the AP with its statement on the lawsuit, referring the AP to a statement given to Politico. In the statement to Politico, Dianne Brandi, Fox News' executive vice president for legal and business affairs, questioned the timing of the EEOC lawsuit. She called the agency's press release "nothing more than a partisan statement about a politically motivated lawsuit." She said an internal Fox News investigation found the reporter's allegations "to be baseless."

South Korea dominates World Cyber Games

LOS ANGELES (AP)—South Korea retained the title of grand champion for the third straight year at the Olympics of the video game world.

Four gold medals were awarded to South Korean gamers Sunday at the 10th annual World Cyber Games Grand Final, a four-day contest at the Los Angeles Convention Center of more than 400 competitors from 58 countries.

Gamers from the United States weren't far behind South Korea with three gold medals.

Players who previously qualified at regional competitions faced off in tournament-style matches from 13 games for more than $250,000 in prize money, as well as televisions and netbooks.

The five-man NaVi team of Ukraine took home $25,000 for dominating in the first-person shooter "Counter-Strike."

AP

Young-Ho Lee, of South Korea, left, and Patrick Moeller, of Germany, are shown on the screen before their StarCraft match at the 10th annual World Cyber Games in Los Angeles, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010.

Woman whose dad died young can't feel the pain of others

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I lost my father suddenly six years ago. He was 56 and I was 25. I had always been Daddy's girl, and it took me a long time to deal with his death.

My problem is I'm unsympathetic to everyone around me now. I'll give you an example. A woman I work with is 60 and both her parents are still living, although her father is in failing health. She talks endlessly about his poor health and how it takes up all her time. Most people feel bad for her, but I resent the fact that she's upset that her dad is 86 and dying, when my dad died so young.

I feel like I am becoming a cold, unfeeling person and I don't know how to stop it. Can you help?

UNSYMPATHETIC IN NEW YORK

DEAR UNSYMPATHETIC: I don't think you are cold, unfeeling or unsympathetic. You may still not be over the loss of your father. The late Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross broke the grieving process into five stages: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. It might be helpful for you to discuss your concerns with a licensed mental health professional who can help you work this through.

And in the meantime, when your co-worker raises the subject of her pain at losing her father—which I'm sure you identify with—explain that it's too painful for you to hear and excuse yourself.

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DEAR ABBY: We have a "situation" at work that is becoming intolerable. Our new boss of four months joins us for our coffee breaks and lunches. It is awkward, to say the least. The other secretaries and I look forward to our breaks as a time to unwind (and talk about the salespeople and our bosses if we need to vent). Now we can't speak freely.

Even worse, the woman has atrocious table manners. She talks the entire time she's eating—chomping, slurping and spraying food all over. It's disgusting.

We brown-bag our lunches because we can't afford to eat out. We know we can't tell our boss she isn't welcome in the break room. Any ideas on how we can handle this?

NAUSEATED IN BLOOMFIELD, N.J.

DEAR NAUSEATED: Allow me to offer a couple. Schedule your breaks so you aren't all taking one at once, which will make it more difficult for your new boss to join you. And at lunch, break into groups and take your brown bags off the premises if possible. That way, all of you won't have to tolerate her every day.

Frankly, I feel sympathy for the woman. She seems lonely and unaware of the fact that an invisible line separates management from staff, that she's not one of you and is intruding.

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DEAR ABBY: When my son and his fiancee have a fight, she comes to cry on my shoulder. She says she doesn't want to talk to her friends because she doesn't want them to dislike him. Little does she know how stressful this is for me when I get to hear all the details. How can I put a stop to this without hurting her feelings?

TOO MUCH INFORMATION IN IOWA

DEAR TOO MUCH INFORMATION: Start by TELLING her how stressful it is when she comes running to you when she and your son argue. Then, explain that as much as you care about her, if she's going to marry your son, she is going to have to learn to work out her problems with him on her own. You'll be doing her a favor.

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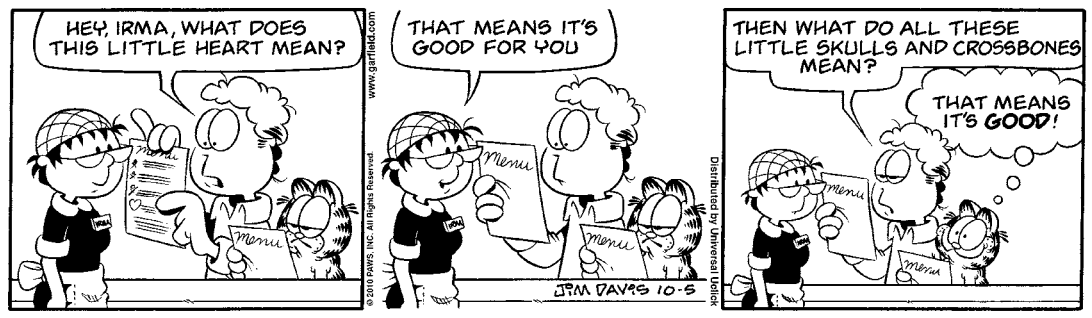
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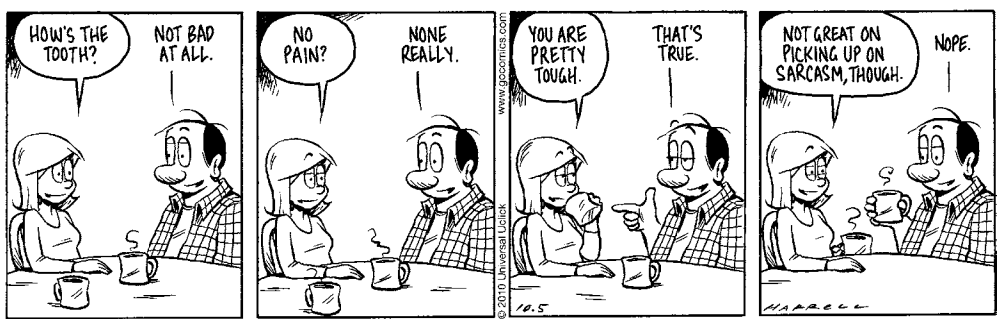

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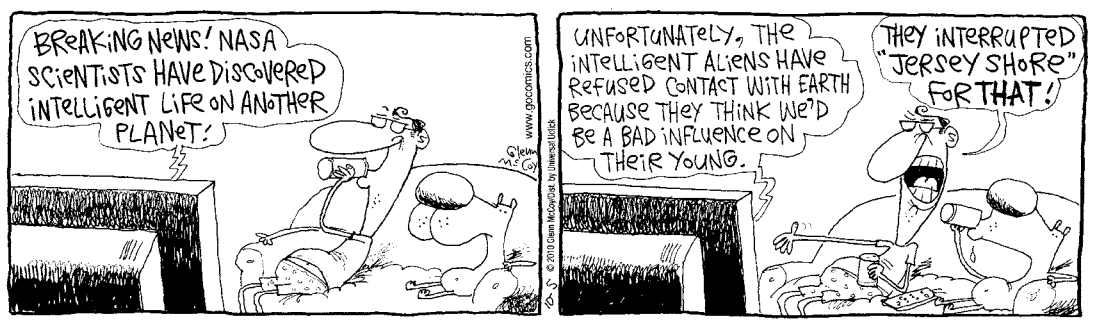
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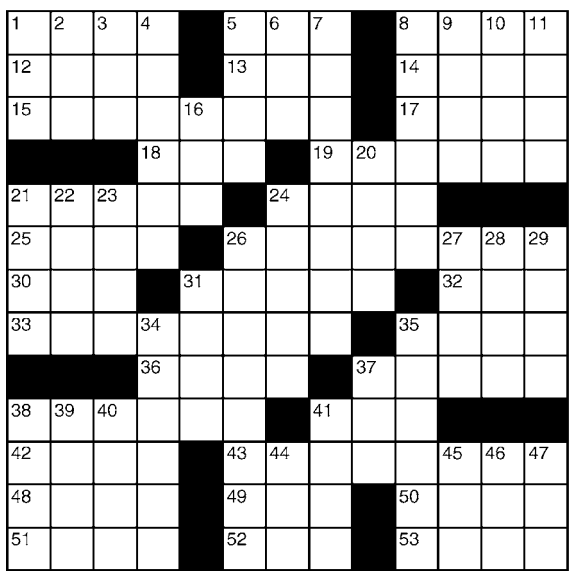

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Europe crushes Tiger and takes the lead

NEWPORT, Wales (AP)—Europe could only dream of a Sunday like this at the Ryder Cup. It gave Tiger Woods his worst beating ever, hit all the right shots to spur on its foot-stomping, flag-waving crowd and kept the Americans from winning a single match.

Too bad this one won't end until Monday.

The Europeans already had reason to be in a festive mood amid the rain and muck of Celtic Manor.

Bolstered by the sight of blue on every leaderboard, they won five matches and halved the last one when Francesco Molinari knocked in a 3-foot birdie putt and celebrated with his brother, Edoardo. That stretched their lead to 9 1/2-6 1/2.

Europe needs to win only five of the 12 singles match to reclaim the gold trophy.

"In my time—20 years since I've been playing Ryder Cup—this is one of the greatest days for European golf we've ever had," European captain Colin Montgomerie said. "To run a two-point deficit into a three-point lead was quite amazing. To stop America from winning a match, just fantastic."

Lee Westwood, Europe's leader in the team room and on the golf course, inspired from the start. He teamed with Luke Donald to demoralize Woods and Steve Stricker, who had never lost in six previous matches. Europe was 4 up when the matches resumed, and Westwood promptly knocked in a 30-foot birdie putt to win the hole. The cheer was heard by every match on the course.

More big putts followed until they had a 6-and-5 victory, the biggest rout of the week.

"When you're playing Tiger, you just seem to up your game a little bit," said Westwood, who is 6-1 in team matches against Woods. "I supposed he's got nothing to win—apart from the point—but he's got a big reputation."

PGA champion Martin Kaymer and Ian Poulter held off a rally to beat Phil Mickelson and 21-year-old Rickie Fowler. Mickelson set an American record with his 17th loss and headed into singles without having contributed a point.

AP

Tiger Woods of the U.S., center, walks with Europe's Lee Westwood, right, and assistant captain Jose Maria Olazabal after finishing their match on the third day of the 2010 Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport, Wales, Sunday.

Rain again soaked the course, forcing a five-hour delay and pushing the Ryder Cup into Monday for the first time in its 83-year history.

Europe was leading in all six matches when play resumed, and Montgomerie walked along the practice range repeating the same message he had delivered the night before.

"We know the Americans are going to come out fast," he said. "But we are going to go out faster."

What gave Europe such a big lead is that it finished stronger.

Even with Westwood and Donald making quick work in the opening match, and with Graeme McDowell and Rory McIlroy winning their first match against Zach Johnson and Hunter Mahan in alternate shot, the remaining fourballs matches could have gone either way.

And over the last five holes in each match, they almost did.

Stewart Cink and Matt Kuchar were the only Americans to lead in a match. They were 1 up playing the 18th until Francesco Molinari stuffed his wedge into 3 feet for a half-point that left Kuchar and his teammates sagging their shoulders as they trudged off the course.

Dustin Johnson, who joined Mickelson as the only American without a point, and Jim Furyk were on the cusp of a big rally until Johnson three-putted for bogey on the 14th to fall 2-down. They never caught up against Padraig Harrington and Ross Fisher.

Jeff Overton introduced a new cheer to the European crowd - "Booooom, baby!!"—when he holed a shot from the fairway for eagle on the eighth. He and Bubba Watson squared the match, only for Peter Hanson to make a crucial birdie for the halve on the 15th, and Miguel Angel Jimenez to deliver a pivotal 15-foot birdie on the 16th in a 2-up victory.

Fowler holed out from a bunker for eagle on the 11th, and Mickelson's birdie on the 13th helped the Americans tie their match. Mickelson then missed putts inside 8 feet to lose the next two holes, keeping European blue on the board.

"I saw guys fighting and not getting the result we were looking for," Pavin said. "But we nearly did."

The fans were swaying, stomping and singing a tune now so familiar to the Americans—"Ole, ole, ole, ole"—as Europe marched confidently off the 18th green and into the team room, momentum and history on its side.

Only once since this format began in 1979 has Europe had the lead going into the final round and failed to win. That was in 1999 at Brookline, when the Americans overcame a 10-6 deficit behind a home crowd that was raucous and unruly.

Montgomerie brought up those ugly memories when he met with his squad Sunday night after the matches.

"All this would be pointless today if this isn't continued tomorrow," Montgomerie said. "Yes, we are tired. The USA team must be tired, as well. But there's no resting here for our team. We are going here as if it's tied to try and win the singles session. That's our goal. And there will be nobody backing down from that goal tomorrow."

Pavin, a stoic personality throughout the week, was reminded of that great American comeback in 1999, when U.S. captain Ben Crenshaw said he was a big believer in fate and added ominously, "I have a good feeling about this."

As for Pavin?

"Ben's Ben, and I'm me," Pavin said. "I'm going to put the guys out in the order that I think gives us the best chance to win."

Montgomerie is leading off with strength—Westwood against Stricker, and the top part of his Monday lineup is loaded with some of his best performers at Celtic Manor, with McIlroy, Poulter and Donald at the top.

Pavin has Woods in the eighth spot against Francesco Molinari, while Mickelson is at No. 10 against Peter Hanson. Then again, it's hard to figure out who is playing well for the Americans this week—especially after the beating they took on Sunday.

"We're going to try to close the gap and see if we can make a run at this," Mickelson said.

NBA tour goes on as planned despite terror threat

LONDON (AP)—NBA teams in Europe will go on with their planned European preseason activities amid heightened terror concerns, and the league has promised to take "appropriate" security measures.

The Los Angeles Lakers and Minnesota Timberwolves are in London preparing for their preseason opener on Monday at the O2 Arena. The New York Knicks were scheduled to play Olimpia Milano in Milan on Sunday.

Officials for the Lakers and Timberwolves said the teams and the NBA have been in close contact with authorities to assess the risk situation. Players haven't been told to change their habits or sightseeing plans.

The State Department on Sunday issued a travel alert for Europe that advises U.S. citizens living or traveling there to take more precautions about their personal security.

"I can tell you that we are in touch with the State Department and all the U.S. authorities and embassies around Europe and we are taking appropriate security measures for all our traveling party," NBA Commissioner David Stern said at a news conference in Milan before the Knicks game.

In London, both teams practiced as scheduled on Sunday at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. Some Timberwolves players were set to mingle with Londoners in a fan zone set up on the south bank of the Thames River later Sunday. Kobe Bryant and his Lakers teammates attended the Premier League game between London rivals Chelsea and Arsenal.

"Players who go out, they're giving them some additional security," Minnesota coach Kurt Rambis said. "But has anything been addressed with everybody? No, not yet."

AP

LA Lakers player Kobe Bryant from the US, at the end of the training session, London, Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010.

The trip is part of the NBA's annual European preseason tour. After the opening games, the Timberwolves and Knicks will play each other in Paris on Wednesday. The Lakers will travel to Spain to play Barcelona on Thursday.

Lakers center Pau Gasol said he had no plans to spend his time in London sitting in a hotel room.

"I've been out of the hotel as much as possible," Gasol said. "It's a great city to be out and walk around in, and experience things. It would be a crime to stay at the hotel.

AP *source*: Bulls, Noah *agree to extension*

CHICAGO (AP)—Center Joakim Noah and the Chicago Bulls agreed Sunday on a five-year contract extension, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on the condition of anonymity because the deal has not been finalized.

The news about Noah comes on a day when the Bulls learned that Carlos Boozer, their top acquisition this summer, broke a bone in his right hand in a fall at home and could be out about two months.

The *Chicago Tribune* reported the deal is worth about $11 million annually with incentives that could take it higher.

Noah is coming off a breakout season in which he averaged 10.7 points and 11.0 rebounds while battling plantar fasciitis in his left foot that kept him out of 18 games. His name surfaced in sign-and-trade rumors involving the Big Three free agents—LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh—this summer.

Instead, those All-Stars united in Miami and the Bulls wound up with Boozer, giving Chicago an inside scoring presence and another top rebounder to go with Noah in what they think will be a top-tier front line.

They'll have to wait to see them together, though.

Boozer fractured the fifth metacarpal bone in his hand and will need surgery, the team said Sunday. He was evaluated by team physician Dr. Brian Cole and hand specialist Dr. Marc Cohen of Midwest Orthopedics at Rush, one of the nation's top sports medicine centers.

Boozer spent the previous six years with Utah and averaged 19.5 points and 11.2 rebounds last season before joining the Bulls in a sign-and-trade deal.

A two-time All-Star, Boozer has a five-year deal worth about $75 million. Besides helping Noah underneath, the Bulls are counting on him to give star point guard Derrick Rose an option on the pick-and-roll.

The Bulls hired Tom Thibodeau as their new coach and also added Ronnie Brewer, Keith Bogans and Kyle Korver in the offseason to try to move deeper into the postseason after consecutive first-round playoff eliminations.

Chicago begins preseason play Tuesday night.

McNabb wins in return to Philly; Vick hurt

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Donovan McNabb threw for 125 yards and one touchdown, leading the Washington Redskins to a 17-12 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday in his first game against his former team.

Michael Vick was forced out in the first quarter with chest and rib injuries in his first start in front of the hometown crowd. Kevin Kolb, who was supposed to be McNabb's successor all along, replaced Vick after losing his starting job because he got hurt in Week 1.

So, the McNabb-Vick showdown turned into the McNabb-Kolb matchup everyone originally anticipated. But this one didn't live up to the hype.

Washington had 169 yards rushing, including 55 by Clinton Portis before he left with a groin injury. Ryan Torain had 70 yards rushing and one TD. McNabb threw just 19 passes, completing eight and getting intercepted once.

Jaguars 31, Colts 28

At Jacksonville, Florida, Josh Scobee's 59-yard field goal on the final play gave Jacksonville a surprise win.

Scobee watched his kick clear the crossbar, then ripped off his helmet and started running toward the opposite end zone. His teammates finally caught up with him on the sideline, setting off a raucous celebration for a team desperate for a victory against its biggest rival.

It was the longest field goal in franchise history.

Ravens 17, Steelers 14

At Pittsburgh, Joe Flacco withstood Pittsburgh's goal-line stand and go-ahead touchdown in the closing minutes to throw an 18-yard scoring pass to T.J. Houshmandzadeh with 32 seconds remaining to make certain the Steelers wouldn't go unbeaten without Ben Roethlisberger.

The Steelers (3-1) took a 14-10 lead on Rashard Mendenhall's 7-yard run midway through the fourth quarter, and appeared ready to win after turning away Baltimore on third- and fourth-down plays from the 2 with over two minutes remaining.

Rams 20, Seahawks 3

At St. Louis, Sam Bradford threw for 289 yards and two touchdowns, and Steven Jackson became the Rams' second leading rusher as St. Louis won for the second week in a row—its first two-game winning streak in two years.

The rookie quarterback completed 23 of 41 passes with one interception as the Rams (2-2) ended a 10-game losing streak against Seattle (2-2) and topped their win total from last year.

Giants 17, Bears 3

At East Rutherford, New Jersey, the Giants knocked out Jay Cutler with a nine-sack first half, sent his replacement to the sideline late in the fourth quarter and limited the previously unbeaten Chicago to 110 total yards.

Ahmad Bradshaw rushed for 129 yards and a touchdown against a defense that had allowed 119 yards on the ground in its first three games and Lawrence Tynes kicked a 22-yard field goal as the Giants (2-2) snapped a two-game losing streak and beat the Bears (3-1), who had come into the game as the NFC's last unbeaten team.

Texans 31, Raiders 24

At Oakland, California, Arian Foster returned from an early game benching to score on a 74-yard run and a 10-yard catch in the second half to lead Houston.

Foster, a former practice squad player, has emerged as one of the biggest surprises of the NFL so far this season. Despite entering the game as the league's leading rusher, Foster was held out until midway through the second quarter in what the Texans (3-1) said was a "coach's decision."

AP

Washington Redskins quarterback Donovan McNabb (5) walks off the field after the Redskins defeated the Philadelphia Eagles 17-12 in an NFL football game in Philadelphia, Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010.

Chargers 41, Cardinals 10

At San Diego, Antonio Gates became the seventh tight end in NFL history with 500 catches, including touchdown receptions of 33 and 26 yards from Philip Rivers, to lead San Diego over the outmanned Arizona.

It was a big day all around for San Diego (2-2). Rookie running back Ryan Mathews scored his first NFL touchdown on a 15-yard run late in the third quarter. Fullback Mike Tolbert ran 16 times for 100 yards—his first 100-yard game in three seasons—and one score. Gates had seven catches for 144 yards.

Browns 23, Bengals 20

At Cleveland, Peyton Hillis rumbled for 102 yards and a touchdown, and Phil Dawson kicked three field goals as Cleveland finally held a fourth-quarter lead, surviving a big day by Terrell Owens for their first win.

The Browns (1-3) had lost their first three games by a total of 12 points, failing to finish down the stretch.

Saints 16, Panthers 14

At New Orleans, John Carney hit three field goals to help New Orleans keep Carolina winless, just days after rejoining the Saints at age 46.

New Orleans (3-1) signed Carney last Tuesday, two days after Garrett Hartley had missed a 29-yard field goal in overtime in a 27-24 loss to Atlanta.

Packers 28, Lions 26

At Green Bay, Wisconsin, Charles Woodson returned an interception 48 yards for a touchdown as Green Bay narrowly held off a comeback by Detroit.

The Packers (3-1) led 28-14 after Woodson scored early in the third quarter, but the Lions rallied for four straight Jason Hanson field goals to cut the lead to two points in the fourth quarter. A final drive by the Packers ran out the clock.

Falcons 16, 49ers 14

At Atlanta, Matt Bryant kicked a 42-yard field goal with 2 seconds left to lift Atlanta over winless San Francisco.

The Falcons (3-1) got a big break to set up the winning points when receiver Roddy White forced the 49ers' Nate Clements to fumble away an interception and keep Atlanta's drive alive.

Broncos 26, Titans 20

At Nashville, Tennessee, Kyle Orton threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Correll Buckhalter with 1:33 left as Denver rallied for the win.

The Broncos (2-2) clinched the game when they recovered a fumble by rookie Marc Mariani on the an ensuing short kickoff, and Matt Prater kicked his fourth field goal of the game to pad the lead.

Jets 38, Bills 14

At Orchard Park, New York, LaDainian Tomlinson had his best game in nearly two years, rushing for 133 yards and two touchdowns to lead New York over winless Buffalo.

Tomlinson had the 47th 100-yard game of his 10-year career—and first since he had 105 on Oct. 26, 2008, when he was with San Diego. With 12,831 yards rushing, Tomlinson also passed Tony Dorsett to move into seventh place on the NFL's career list.

Giants beat Padres 3-0 to win NL West

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Jonathan Sanchez pitched the San Francisco Giants back into the playoffs after a six-year absence and also provided a vital hit, beating the San Diego Padres 3-0 Sunday to win the National League West title.

Buster Posey homered and the Giants beat the Padres after losing the first two games of the weekend series.

San Francisco (92-70), which overcame a 7 1/2-game deficit on July 4, host the wild card-winning Atlanta Braves starting Thursday, with ace Tim Lincecum well rested to go in Game 1. The Braves (91-71) beat the Phillies 8-7, extending manager Bobby Cox's farewell season. Atlanta.

Braves 8, Phillies 7

At Atlanta, Tim Hudson and the Braves took a six-run lead, then held on before Atlanta watched on TV as San Francisco beat San Diego, giving the Braves the NL wild card.

The Braves won 14 straight division titles with Cox but had missed the playoffs since 2005. Cox's final regular-season record was 2,504-2,001. He ranks fourth in wins, trailing only Connie Mack (3,776), John McGraw (2,840) and Tony La Russa (2,638). This is Cox's 15th season with 90 or more wins, second to only McGraw.

Reds 3, Brewers 2

At Cincinnati, Milwaukee manager Ken Macha was told by team management he won't be back next season.

Jay Bruce hit his fourth homer of Cincinnati's title-clinching week, a solo drive off Randy Wolf (13-12) that broke a 2-all tie in the fourth. As the Reds eased into the playoffs for the first time in 15 years, starter Aaron Harang left in the third because of a blister on his right index finger.

Dodgers 3, Diamondbacks 1

At Los Angeles, Joe Torre ended his managerial career the way it began 29 years ago—with a victory.

Matt Kemp homered in his fifth consecutive game, a 3-1 victory over the Diamondbacks.

Torre finished with a 2,326-1,997 regular-season record, going 259-227 in three years with the Dodgers.

Nationals 2, Mets 1

At New York, Oliver Perez (0-5) hit Adam Kennedy with a pitch before walking three batters in a row in the 14th inning.

The Mets finished their second straight losing campaign (79-83) with what likely was Jerry Manuel's final game as manager.

Marlins 5, Pirates 2

At Miami, Dan Uggla homered and drove in three runs to send Pittsburgh to its 105th defeat.

The Pirates finished their record-extending 18th consecutive losing season at 57-105, worst in the majors. The only time the Pirates had more defeats in baseball's modern era was in 1952, when they went 42-112.

Astros 4, Cubs 0

At Houston, Carlos Lee homered and Tommy Manzella drove in two runs. Houston went 59-52 following a 17-34 start.

Nelson Figueroa (7-4) allowed six hits in six inning and struck out a season-high eight. Brandon Lyon worked a perfect ninth to complete the shutout after Fernando Abad and Wilton Lopez combined for two hitless innings.

Cardinals 6, Rockies 1

At St. Louis, Jeff Suppan (3-8) allowed five hits in six scoreless innings and Matt Pagnozzi drove in two runs.

St. Louis won its final five games. After an early September surge brought them within one game of the NL West lead, the Rockies lost eight in a row and 13 of 14.

Rays 3, Royals 2

At Kansas City, Missouri, with the American League East championship already in hand, the Tampa Bay Rays outlasted the Kansas City Royals in 12 innings to head into the playoffs on a winning note.

Manager Joe Maddon's team learned it had clinched the division title and home-field advantage throughout the AL playoffs in the ninth inning when New York lost at Boston, and the Rays briefly exchanged high-fives in the dugout.

Red Sox 8, Yankees 4

At Boston, New York fell short of a second straight AL East title and completed a rare late-season fade with a loss to Boston.

The Yankees were 66-37 at the start of play on Aug. 1 but went just 29-30 the rest of the way. It was only the third time the Yankees led through games of Labor Day and failed to finish first, according to STATS LLC. The others were in 1906 and 1944.

Blue Jays 2, Twins 1

At Minneapolis, Edwin Encarnacion and Adam Lind added two more home runs to Toronto's major league-leading total, lifting the Blue Jays over playoff-bound Minnesota in manager Cito Gaston's last game.

Toronto went deep 257 times this season, matching the 1996 Baltimore Orioles for the third-most in history. The 1997 Seattle Mariners have the record, with 264 homers.

Angels 6, Rangers 2

At Arlington, Texas, Peter Bourjos hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning and Los Angeles beat Texas in their regular-season finale.

The Angels (80-82) still had their first losing record since 2003 after winning the division five of the previous six seasons. The Rangers (90-72) are in the playoffs for the first time since 1999.

Tigers 4, Orioles 2

At Baltimore, Brandon Inge homered and Johnny Damon singled home the tiebreaking run in the sixth inning as Detroit beat Baltimore to end a six-game skid and avoid a losing season.

The Tigers finished 81-81, the second time in five seasons under manager Jim Leyland that they failed to have a winning record.

White Sox 6, Indians 5

At Chicago, Paul Konerko had two hits in what could be his final game with the White Sox, and manager Ozzie Guillen got his 600th win as Chicago closed out the season by beating Cleveland.

Alexei Ramirez homered in the first inning off Justin Germano (0-3) and capped a three-run second with an RBI double.

Athletics 4, Mariners 3

At Seattle, Kurt Suzuki and Kevin Kouzmanoff hit long solo home runs, and Chris Carter added the go-ahead RBI single as Oakland beat Seattle to complete a season-ending four-game sweep.

The Athletics finished 81-81 for their first non-losing season since winning the AL West with 93 wins in 2006. Dallas Braden (11-14) allowed two runs and five hits in five innings.

One Shot, Chagi Fan keep lead

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VFW One Shot and Buddies Bar & Grill's Chagi Fan kept the top spots in their respective divisions after last Wednesday's games in the Saipan Electronic Dart Association League.

In the Chichirika division, One Shot, with 80 wins, 55 losses and a 0.59 winning rate, leads Buddies' Kagman-1 by five games, with Jonny's Night Hawks (68W-67L) and Gaia's Gaiana-C (67W-68L) battling it out for third place. Notables include a 120 High-In by One Shot's Kevin Maratita.

In the Kingfisher division, Chagi Fan, with 81 wins, 54 losses and a 0.60 winning percentage, is comfortably ahead of Charlie's Team Sabalu (73W-62L) and Buddies' Black Pearls (69W-66L). Notables include a 120 High-In by Polly Omechelang of USSP's Slow Hand and a 153 High-Out by Sabalu's Ray Aguon.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of Chagi Fan pose for a photo after their 8-7 home win over Charlie's Team Sabalu at Buddies Bar & Grill last Wednesday.

KINGFISHER C

Chagi Fan 8, Sabalu 7

Sabalu swept all four singles 301 matches for the early lead, before Chagi Fan answered back and swept both wild cricket games and both partners 501 contests. Then both teams won a pair of cricket matches and a partners baseball game before Chagi Fan took the final team 1001 match for the win.

Sang and the Gang 10, Slow Hand 5

Sang and the Gang won three of the four singles 301 matches to pull ahead. Slow Hand swept both wild cricket games, but the Gang answered and won both partners 501 contests. Then Sang and the Gang secured the automatic victory after winning three of the four cricket matches.

Lucky Shots 12, Black Pearls 3

Lucky Shots won three of the four singles 301 matches and both wild cricket games for the early advantage. Then after both teams won a partners 501 contest, the Lucky Shots swept all four cricket matches for the automatic win.

CHICHIRIKA C

One Shot 8, Night Hawks 7

The Night Hawks swept all four singles 301 matches to gain an early lead. Then both teams won a game of wild cricket and a game of partners 501. The Night Hawks won three of the four cricket matches and both partners baseball games in a comeback attempt, but One Shot regrouped and took the final team 1001 match for the win.

Kagman-1 8, Gaiana-C 7

After both teams won a pair of singles 301 matches, K-2 swept both wild cricket games. Then both teams won a partners 501 contest, a pair of cricket matches and a partners baseball game before K-2 took the final team 1001 match for the win.

World-V 13, Oh! MG 2

The World-V, from Gaia's, swept all four singles 301 matches, both wild cricket games and both partners 501 contests for the automatic victory. It went on to add three of the four cricket matches, a partners baseball game and the final team 1001 match to its total.

WABOL

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Satur's four other scores were 77, 81, 80, and 77 for a total of 394 or an average of 78.8.

After completing the qualifying tournaments, Wabol said their next step for the preparation for next year's Pacific Games will be to schedule a series of practice rounds. They will also hold fundraising tournaments.

Wabol added the squad has six alternates in case one or more of the five players selected will not make it to Noumea next year. The alternates are Tars Olopai, Ralph Yumul, Steve Jang, Steve Balakrishna, Joe Saures, and Nick Sablan.

Sablan missed the five-player cut by a notch, as he finished sixth after posting an average of 81.1. Sablan logged two 79s, two 78s and a 92 for a five-game total of 406. Jang was at seventh place with his average of 82.2/411 (87, 80, 81, 85, and 78).

Olopai tallied an average of 83.4 (71, 88, 81, 80, and 97) to place eighth; Yumul was ninth with his 85 (85, 78, 92, 84, and 86); Balakrishna finished 10th with his 86.8 (82, 85, 79, 93, and 95); and Saures notched 11th place with his 89.6 (91, 92, 91, 89, and 87).

TSUNAMI

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Midori Nishida, Daime Rivera, Julie Conner, and Katherine Illahi.

In the fourth group—Beginners—Tsunami Saipan had Jacob Yoon, Vincent Lee, Andrew Kim, Miku Tammy, and Kyona Rivera.

Tsunami Saipan head coach Hiro Kimura said his swimmers broke a couple of records during the one-day meet, but these will not be official until Northern Marianas Swimming Federations reviewed and confirmed them.

SSC besides its long-time members had a lot of newcomers participating in the first meet of the season.

Anchoring SSC's campaign in last weekend's races were siblings Grace and Andrew Kimball, Kento Akimaru, and Victoria Chentsova.

Completing the Mike Villagomez-coached squad were Akira Kadokura, Taka and Ichiro Borja, Naoki Kasai, Camille Manzanades, Julia Espino, Michael Villagomez, Cole Chambers, Steve Goodwin, Logan Mister, Joshua Tenorio, Taiga Sato, Miku Torres, C.J. Belnas, Hannah Palacios, Mark Verioza, and Katherine Johnson.

The one-day competition feature 22 events. Official results and list of winners will be reported in Wednesday's edition of *Saipan Tribune*.

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Preba Hao 10 in Guam, as the Saipan fighter scored a TKO win.

Before the main event, a Saipan versus Saipan will take place between 135-lb fighters Mark "The Dark" Nuque and CJ "Face" Takai. Next up is Saipan's Jun "The Legend" Taga challenging Tinian's Conrad Manglona in a 155-lb fight.

Pinchi "El Peligro" Rangamar will then be pitted against undefeated Craig "Earthquake" Borja of Tinian at 140lbs. "Badd" Brad Palacios will be featured in another 140-lb bout, but Trench Tech is still looking for his opponent.

In the 185-lb Saipan versus Saipan bout, Ed "Styx" Castro will go toe to toe against Slade "The Rage" Adelbai and the fight will be followed by a 150-lb Guam versus Japan battle between Rob "The Real Deal" Wusstig and Tomoya "Katana" Kato.

After the Guam versus Japan brawl, two Guam versus Saipan battles take the octagon cage. Guam's Wynue "One Time" Bamba will fight Saipan's Darrel "The Derailer" Salas at 180lbs, while Guam's Thomas Cruz will be up against Saipan's Fasi "Quickdraw" Jesse in a 170-lb middleweight bout.

There are three potential amateur bouts to kick off the night. In a 145-lb bout, Tinian's Joe Ray "Manglo" Manglona will take on Saipan's John Moses. Then in a 130-lb K-1 kickboxing match, "Tabi" Jay Muna will face Jacob Ilo, while female fighter Niana "Cup Cake" Dela Cruz is still looking for an opponent for a 135-lb special feature ladies bout.

Dela Cruz is 18 years old and weighs 135lbs. If anyone is interested in challenging her, contract Trench Tech president Cuki Alvarez at 483-4MMA. Dela Cruz's challenger must be 18 years old or older, preferably also a first-timer, and matches her weight.

Entrance fee for "Fight Night, Fright Night" is only $25.

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This year's Luta Derby is supported by the Rota Mayor's Office, the Rota Municipal Council and the Rota Legislative Delegation.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Tampa Bay	96	66	.593	–
y-New York	95	67	.586	1
Boston	89	73	.549	7
Toronto	85	77	.525	11
Baltimore	66	96	.407	30

Central Division

x-Minnesota	94	68	.580	–
Chicago	88	74	.543	6
Detroit	81	81	.500	13
Cleveland	69	93	.426	25
Kansas City	67	95	.414	27

West Division

x-Texas	90	72	.556	–
Oakland	81	81	.500	9
Los Angeles	80	82	.494	10
Seattle	61	101	.377	29

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

x-Philadelphia	97	65	.599	–
y-Atlanta	91	71	.562	6
Florida	80	82	.494	17
New York	79	83	.488	18
Washington	69	93	.426	28

Central Division

x-Cincinnati	91	71	.562	–
St. Louis	86	76	.531	5
Milwaukee	77	85	.475	14
Houston	76	86	.469	15
Chicago	75	87	.463	16
Pittsburgh	57	105	.352	34

West Division

x-San Francisco	92	70	.568	–
San Diego	90	72	.556	2
Colorado	83	79	.512	9
Los Angeles	80	82	.494	12
Arizona	65	97	.401	27

Yesterday's Games

Cincinnati 3, Milwaukee 2
Florida 5, Pittsburgh 2
Washington 2, N.Y. Mets 1, 14 innings
Atlanta 8, Philadelphia 7
Houston 4, Chicago Cubs 0
St. Louis 6, Colorado 1
San Francisco 3, San Diego 0
L.A. Dodgers 3, Arizona 1
Detroit 4, Baltimore 2
Boston 8, N.Y. Yankees 4
Chicago White Sox 6, Cleveland 5
Tampa Bay 3, Kansas City 2, 12 innings
Toronto 2, Minnesota 1
L.A. Angels 6, Texas 2
Oakland 4, Seattle 3

z-clinched playoff berth
x-clinched division

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	3	1	0	.750	106	61
New England	2	1	0	.667	90	82
Miami	2	1	0	.667	52	51
Buffalo	0	4	0	.000	61	125

South

Houston	3	1	0	.750	108	102
Jacksonville	2	2	0	.500	71	111
Indianapolis	2	2	0	.500	117	92
Tennessee	2	2	0	.500	98	68

North

Baltimore	3	1	0	.750	61	55
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	86	50
Cincinnati	2	2	0	.500	79	78
Cleveland	1	3	0	.250	68	77

West

Kansas City	3	0	0	1.000	68	38
San Diego	2	2	0	.500	113	71
Denver	2	2	0	.500	87	85
Oakland	1	3	0	.250	76	107

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Washington	2	2	0	.500	73	79
N.Y. Giants	2	2	0	.500	72	88
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500	95	79
Dallas	1	2	0	.333	54	53

South

Atlanta	3	1	0	.750	93	60
New Orleans	3	1	0	.750	79	72
Tampa Bay	2	1	0	.667	50	59
Carolina	0	4	0	.000	46	87

North

Chicago	3	1	0	.750	69	68
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	106	73
Minnesota	1	2	0	.333	43	38
Detroit	0	4	0	.000	82	106

WEST

Arizona	2	2	0	.500	58	118
St. Louis	2	2	0	.500	77	52
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	75	77
San Francisco	0	4	0	.000	52	103

Yesterday's Games

Denver 26, Tennessee 20
Green Bay 28, Detroit 26
N.Y. Jets 38, Buffalo 14
St. Louis 20, Seattle 3
Atlanta 16, San Francisco 14
Baltimore 17, Pittsburgh 14
New Orleans 16, Carolina 14
Cleveland 23, Cincinnati 20
Houston 31, Oakland 24
Jacksonville 31, Indianapolis 28
San Diego 41, Arizona 10
Washington 17, Philadelphia 12
N.Y. Giants 17, Chicago 3

2010 Marianas Coffee Trail Run

BY ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel flashes the No. 1 sign after finishing first in the 10-kilometer event.

From left, Michael Towle, Mamiko Oshima-Berger, Miyachi Fujio, and Ben Wood pose at the 2010 Marianas Coffee Trail Run banner after completing the 30-kilometer race.

Amanda Kloeppel sprints to the finish line of the 10-kilometer race.

Yoshi Suzuki runs to the finish line barefoot after his pair of shoes was worn out. Looking on was race volunteer Elias Rangamar of Northern Marianas Athletics.

Rebecca Reed leads Michael Kelly going into the last few meters of the 30-kilometer race.

Chang Whan Jang raises his arms as he nears the finish line.

Akane Imaya catches her breath after completing the race.

Austin Kosam was the first U18 finisher in the 10-kilometer run.

Guam's Joe Taitano pours water on his head after the grueling race.

Wolf Mojica is a few steps away from the finish line.

Europe crushes Tiger and takes the lead

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Wabol leads 5-man team to Pacific Games

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Wabol

Manibusan

Taylor

Hardwicke

Satur

The five-man CNMI Team that will compete in the golf event in the 14th Pacific Games was completed last Saturday after the last qualifying tournament on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Leading the list was Pacific Games veteran Jess Wabol, who carded the best average in five qualifying tournaments. Wabol tallied a 78, 79, 74, and two 76 for a five-game total of 374 or average of 74.8.

Wabol and company played in seven qualifying tournaments, but golfers who completed the qualifiers were given an option to drop the two lowest scores. Joining Wabol on the team are former Superior Court presiding judge Ed Manibusan, Jeff Taylor, Adam Hardwicke, and Tony Satur.

Manibusan and Taylor were tied for the second best average score with their identical averages of 75.2 or a five-game total of 376.

Manibusan recorded the best score in a single qualifier with his 69 in the first tournament. He had a 73 in the second round and then logged 78, 77, and 79 in the last three. Taylor had three 76s and two 74s for a two-shot deficit against Wabol.

Hardwicke finished fourth with his five-game total of 385 or average of 77. Hardwicke's best score was a 75 in the first and last round. He had a 76 in the second, 77 in the third, and 82 in the fourth.

Satur took the last slot on the team after tallying a 79 in the last round last Saturday.

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Tsunami Saipan-SSC dual meet draws more than 60 swimmers

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Participants in the Tsunami Saipan-Saipan Swim Club dual meet plunge into the pool during the 100m breaststroke race last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi.

Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan and Saipan Swim Club had its first competition of the 2010-2011 season last Saturday at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool with the dual meet drawing more than 60 swimmers.

Tsunami Saipan, which hosted the weekend meet, fielded four groups of swimmers in the one-day tournament with its Sensyu team leading the club.

Sensyu members are Kensuke Kimura, Kaisei Toda, Kaito Yanai, and Angel Marie Tan. Kai Staal is also part of the premier group, but missed the morning session of the meet due to school commitment, and raced only in the afternoon swim.

Before competing in the first tournament of the season, Staal and Kimura represented Tsunami Saipan to the CNMI team that collected a lot of gold medals in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau in August.

Tsunami Siapan's Jyun-Sensyu members—Marvin and Thomas Lee, Takumi Sugie, Kosei and Ryosei Toda, Hiroto Yanai, and Angel De Jesus—also joined the first meet of the season.

In the Ikusei group, Tsunami fielded Albert Lee, Kenichi Shirata, Louie Omos, Yuuki Nishida, Mark Maestro, Lukas Kang, Ryuto Yanai, Ashley Welch, Thea Minor, Kevin Englskjen,

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$10,000 up for grabs in 2010 Luta Fishing Derby

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The 2010 Luta Fishing Derby will be held on Oct. 7 and 8 in the waters off Rota.

The derby will coincide with the annual San Francisco De Borja Fiesta and is open to fisherman from Saipan, Tinian, and Guam.

A whopping $10,000 cash prize from event sponsor Ambros Incorporated will be awarded to the crew who will reel in a 500-lb marlin. Cash prizes and other awards will also be given to the Top 3 winners in the billfish, wahoo, yellow-fin, mahi, and bonita tuna.

Fishermen from Saipan and Guam competing in the two-day tournament are allowed to begin fishing on their way to Rota.

Registration has already started and can be made from 6am to 6pm.

For inquiries, contact Glenn Manglona at 287-4536 or the Department of Fish and Wildlife's Ray Roberto at 287-6133. Interested participants from Guam

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Ambrose

13 fights on 'Fright Night'

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Trench Warz 13: Vengeance will adopt the theme "Fight Night, Fright Night" in celebration of Halloween and incidentally will offer 13 fights at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort on Oct. 29.

Fans who will watch the bouts are encouraged to wear costumes. Prizes from Trench Warz 13 sponsors await winners in the most scariest and sexiest costumes.

"Fight Night, Fright Night" will begin at 8pm, but doors will be open as early as 7pm.

Trench Warz 13 spectators will be treated to a double main event featuring USA's JJ Ambrose against Japan's MasaKazu Taguchi in a 155lb super-fight.

The finale main event will be between Guam's Ryan "The Dentist" Urquizu and Saipan's Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan with the visiting fighter aiming for vengeance. Urquizu lost his first encounter with Palaxi in 2007 at

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Taguchi